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IN THE seclusion of their laboratories a small band of American scientists are laboring desperately to wrest a marvelous natural secret from the green plants around us—a secret that may help us avert a threatening world-wide fuel famine.

These men—among them being distinguished members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—believe that today we are consuming our oil, coal, and wood at a rate that means early exhaustion of the world's supply. "And then what will happen?" they ask. Civilization would totter, they believe, unless a new source of energy could be found. To find this energy they are turning to the sunlight. For it is really only the stored-up energy of the sun that we use when we burn coal or oil. Therefore, we must find out how coal was made, and to do this we must discover how living plants use sunshine to form the material that was laid down, ages ago, in the form of the coal we mine today.

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HAVE you ever been seated next to a man, or a woman, at a dinner and discovered that there wasn't a thing in the world you could talk about?

Have you ever been tongue-tied at a party—actually tongue-tied, you know, and unable to say what you wanted to say, hesitant and embarrassed instead of well-poised and at ease?

It is humiliating to sit next to a young lady or a young man, at a dinner table and not be able to converse in a calm well-bred manner. It is awkward to leave one's dance partner without a word—or to murmur some senseless phrase that you regret the moment it leaves your lips.

Embarrassment robs so many of us of our power of speech. Frequently people who are quite brilliant talkers among their own friends find that they cannot utter a word when they are among strangers.

At a party, do you know how to make and acknowledge introductions in a pleasing, well-poised manner? Do you know how to mingle with the guests, saying the right thing at the right time? Do you know what to say to your hostess when you arrive, and what to say when you depart?

Does conversation lag every time it reaches you? Are you constrained and ill at ease throughout the evening?

The difference between being a calm, well-poised guest and an embarrassed, constrained guest is usually the difference between a happy and a miserable evening.



Are You Ever "Alone" in a Crowd?

THE man who does not know exactly what is expected of him at a party or a dance, feels alone out of place. Often he feels uncomfortable. He imagines people are noticing him thinking how dull he is, how uninteresting.

The woman who does not have a pleasing, engaging manner invariably has the "punky" feeling of a wallflower. She is afraid of making blunders, constrained and embarrassed when she should be entirely at ease.

Good manners make good mixers. If you do not want to be tongue-tied at a party if you do not want to feel "alone" in a crowd, make it your business to know exactly what to do, say, write and wear on every occasion. The man or woman who is able to do the

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At the dinner table, in the ballroom, with strangers and with one's own friends, one must avoid the little social blunders that can cause embarrassment. An easy, calm, engaging manner is of much greater importance than a pretty gown or a smart new suit.



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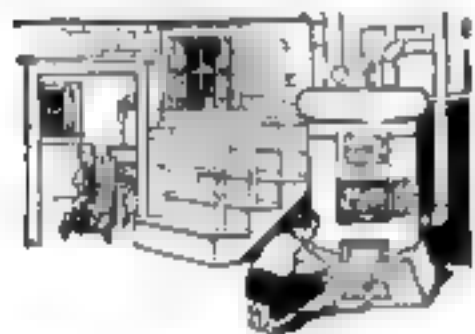
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The Warning of the Desert

By William A. Lawrence

THIS is the story of Bill Andrews—"Plain" Bill Andrews. The nickname had been coined by some boyhood chum and it had stuck through the years. It was both deserved and descriptive. For Bill was plain in appearance—plain in dress—plain in conversation—plain in everything he did.

Bill was twenty-seven when I first got to know him well—married—the father of as fine a boy as you have ever seen.

Bill might have been a little further along in the world if he had had just a little more luck—or foresight—when he started. But like thousands of other men he had been forced to leave school and go to work while he was still young, and he had taken the first thing that came along.

He worked as hard as he knew how, but somehow or other he never seemed to get very far.

It was hard—terribly hard, sometimes—to make both ends meet—particularly when sickness came or there were other unexpected expenses. But Bill never gave up hope. You see he had some "plain," old-fashioned courage, too.

Above everything else in the world he wanted to go home some night and tell his wife of a raise in salary—of a promotion that would mean a happier, better home.

I wonder if there is a man anywhere who doesn't have that same ambition—that same hope?

But that increase in salary and that promotion never came. Indeed, once or twice, when things were slack, Bill came mighty near losing his job.

Then, one night Bill came across an advertisement that was to change his entire life. It told how other men just like himself had found a way to get out of the rut and make good in a big way—how every man has enough natural ability to

make a success in some line of work if he will only find that work and study it.

There was nothing particularly new about the thought—it was something Bill had known and realized for years.

AS a matter of fact, Bill had seen that advertisement and that familiar coupon many many times before. For two years he had been promising himself that he would cut it out and send it to Scranton. He knew that he ought to do it—that he should at least find out what the I. C. S. could do for him. But he never had!

And he might not have sent it this time, either, but for a few heart stirring lines under a picture which he had seen called "The Warning of the Desert."

"On the Plains of Hesitation bleach the bones of countless millions who, at the Dawn of Victory, sat down to wait, and waiting—died!"

Bill read that over two or three times. "The Plains of Hesitation!" "Countless millions who, at the Dawn of Victory sat down to wait, and waiting—died!" These two phrases kept ringing in his ears. They worked their way into his very soul.

"That settles it," said Bill, with a finality that was unusual for him. "I'm tired waiting—I'm tired putting it off. This is my chance to get out of the rut, and I'm not going to overlook it again."

So that night Bill Andrews clipped the coupon he had seen so often—marked it—and mailed it to Scranton.

BILL told me the other day that he was surprised how interested he became in his lessons—of the personal interest the teachers at the I. C. S. took in him—how his employers learned about his studying and kept moving him up and up as fast as he was ready.

Bill is manager of his department now, and they tell me he's going to be a member of the firm some day. He certainly is a shining example of what any man with ambition can do if he only makes the start.

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By PAUL von BOECKMANN

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The symptoms of nerve exhaustion vary according to individual characteristics, but the development is usually as follows:

First Stage: Lack of energy and endurance; that "tired feeling."

Second Stage: Nervousness, restlessness, sleeplessness; irritability, decline in sex force; loss of hair; nervous indigestion, sour stomach; gas in bowels, constipation; irregular heart, poor memory; lack of mental endurance; dizziness; headache; backache; neuritis, rheumatism, and other pains.

Third Stage: Serious mental disturbances; fear; undue worry; melancholia; dangerous organic disturbances, suicidal tendencies; and in extreme cases, insanity.

If only a few of the symptoms mentioned apply to you, especially those indicating mental turmoil, you may be sure your nerves are at fault—that you have exhausted your Nerve Force. It is positive your nerves are at fault, if you feel generally depressed, tired and ailing, though repeated medical examinations fail to show definitely some organ is involved. In such cases the decline in organic power is due to subnormal nerve power.

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I ask YOU, how can we

reason otherwise? Is not the Nervous System the great governing force of the body, the force that gives Life and Power to every organ, every muscle and cell? When the Nervous Forces are depleted through strain, how can the vital organs, muscles and other tissues retain their power? It is impossible.

The power of the nerves is infinitely great for good or evil. So great is this power that a tremendous nerve strain, as for instance, intense fear or anger, may cause instant death through bursting of a blood vessel. A less intense nerve shock will cause the cheeks to pale or become flushed with blood. It can make the heart beat wildly and paralyze breathing. It can make cold sweat break out over the body, and make the knees tremble and become weak. It can paralyze the digestive powers in an instant. Long continued nerve strains of even mild intensity will undermine the mind and body of the strongest man or woman that ever lived.

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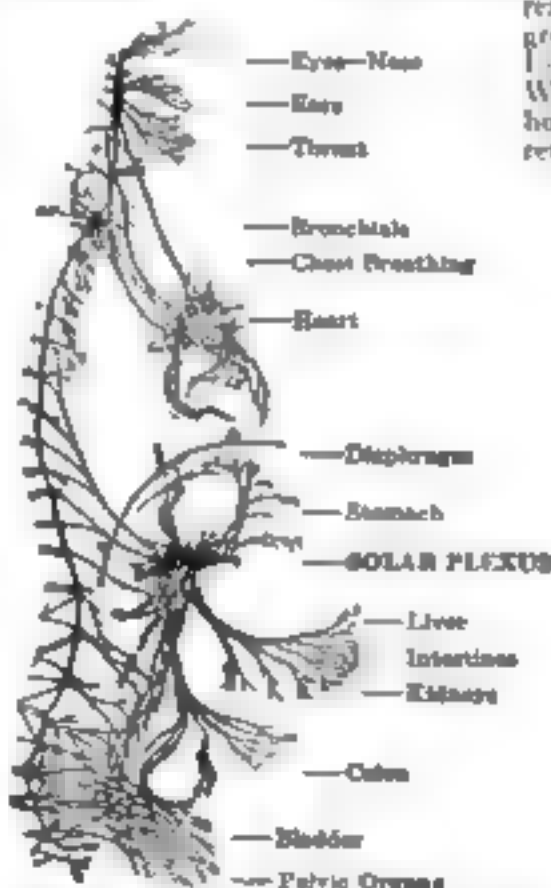


Diagram showing the location of the Solar Plexus, known as the abdominal brain, the great center of the Sympathetic (Internal) Nervous System. Mental strain, especially grief, fear, worry and anxiety paralyze the Solar Plexus which in turn causes poor blood circulation, shallow breathing, indigestion, constipation, etc. This in turn clogs the blood with poisons that weaken and irritate the nerves. Thus mental strain starts a cycle of evils that can end only in nervous breakdown, illness, neuritis, neurasthenia and generally lower mental and physical efficiency.

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Men of the Hour in Science and Discovery

Close-Ups of Some of the Makers of Tomorrow



Probes Life Secrets

ONE of the world's most famous desert explorers, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, general secretary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a tireless worker in the field of botany, has actually succeeded in devising an artificial cell that behaves much like the living cells of plants.

By means of remarkable apparatus shown above he is able to simulate many properties of living protoplasm such as the process by which living plant cells absorb food material.

Teaching Us to Travel by Air

COMPLETING arrangements for a 6000-mile air trip to the Arctic Circle in a palatial flying boat, Charles F. Redden hopes to confirm further his belief in the practicability of long distance commercial aviation in America—a belief that induced him to organize the Aeromarine Airways, Inc.

Instead of merely talking about a "glorious future for commercial aviation," Redden set out to make a record in aerial transportation. In the second year of operation, his company carried 9107 passengers 739,047 passenger miles without a mishap.

His proposed journey to the Arctic is the first step to establish regular aeromarine service between New York City and the Far North. With him will go half a dozen businessmen-sportsmen bent on an arctic hunting expedition. Plans for the voyage are described on page 59 of this issue.



Luther Burbank

THE best loved and most picturesque of America's great scientists this month rounds out his fiftyeth year of labor in plant wizardry—an event that is being celebrated by California, his home state.

During half a century of achievement, Luther Burbank has evolved more new species of valuable plants than any other man.

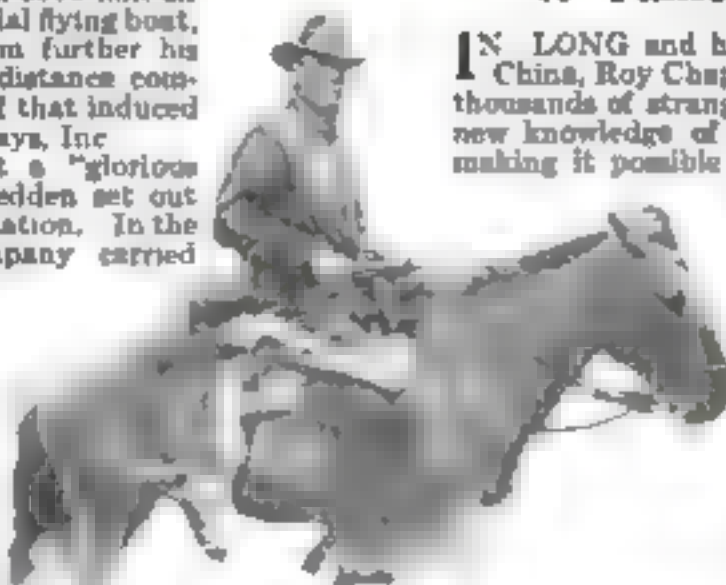
In next month's issue he will tell in his own words the fascinating story of his life work and of his dream, at the age of 74, of applying the laws of plant raising to creating better humans.



A Famous Young Explorer

IN LONG and hazardous exploration trips through China, Roy Chapman Andrews (at left) has collected thousands of strange fossils that are giving us amazing new knowledge of life on earth in prehistoric times, making it possible for science to piece together, bit by bit, the world's history.

This young scientist of the American Museum of Natural History (who incidentally is one of the world's leading authorities on whales) has explored Alaska, the Dutch East Indies, Borneo, Asia, and right now is in Peking, preparing for his third expedition through the Gobi Desert of China, where he has discovered the remains of giant reptiles and what scientists believe to be the first mammals.



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Auto Racer "Towed" to Victory by His Rival

Pal of Veteran Speed Kings Reveals Amazing Speedway Trick

By Steve Hannagan
(Team Mate of Famous
Racing Drivers)

WHEN I tell you that the driver of a racing car, with a top speed of 110 miles an hour, can hitch an invisible towline onto a faster car ahead of him, and have his slower car pulled along at a winning pace of 120 miles an hour, you may call the statement ridiculous.

Yet just such an amazing performance may be witnessed in nearly every major automobile racing event, and undoubtedly will be seen during the Indianapolis 500-mile classic of next Decoration Day True, the "tow" is neither a rope nor a chain. It is formed by the partial vacuum created in the wake of the faster car. Once a slower car noses into this vacuum, the suction has the effect of adding several miles an hour to its speed.

A driver gets into a tow by quickly swerving in behind the faster car as it passes him. As he does so you can see the slower car leap ahead.

In more than one speedway contest this

RIDING shoulder to shoulder with the world's most famous speed kings on every known type of automobile race track, and counting among his friends such veteran drivers as Ralph De Palma, Tommy Milton, Barney Oldfield, Ralph Mulford, Eddie Hearne, and Joe Boyer, the author of this article—Steve Hannagan—knows the science of automobile racing—not to mention the tricks of the game—as thoroughly as any man living today.

Hannagan has lived to the thundering tune of the speedway ever since he was 16 years old. His latest adventure was to take to the air with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, former speedway star and America's ace of flying aces, on his famous sky tour of the United States last summer.

"suction towline" is used by a driver to give his slower team mate a lift. The faster car will pick up its mate and the two will travel radiator to tail, lap after lap.

In one race I remember the "towline" was used by the slower car to defeat a speedier rival. It was the 1920 Indianapolis 500-mile race, in which Ralph De Palma and Joe Boyer staged a radiator-to-radiator duel at the finish line lap after lap—a race in which each lap won meant a reward of \$100 for the victor.

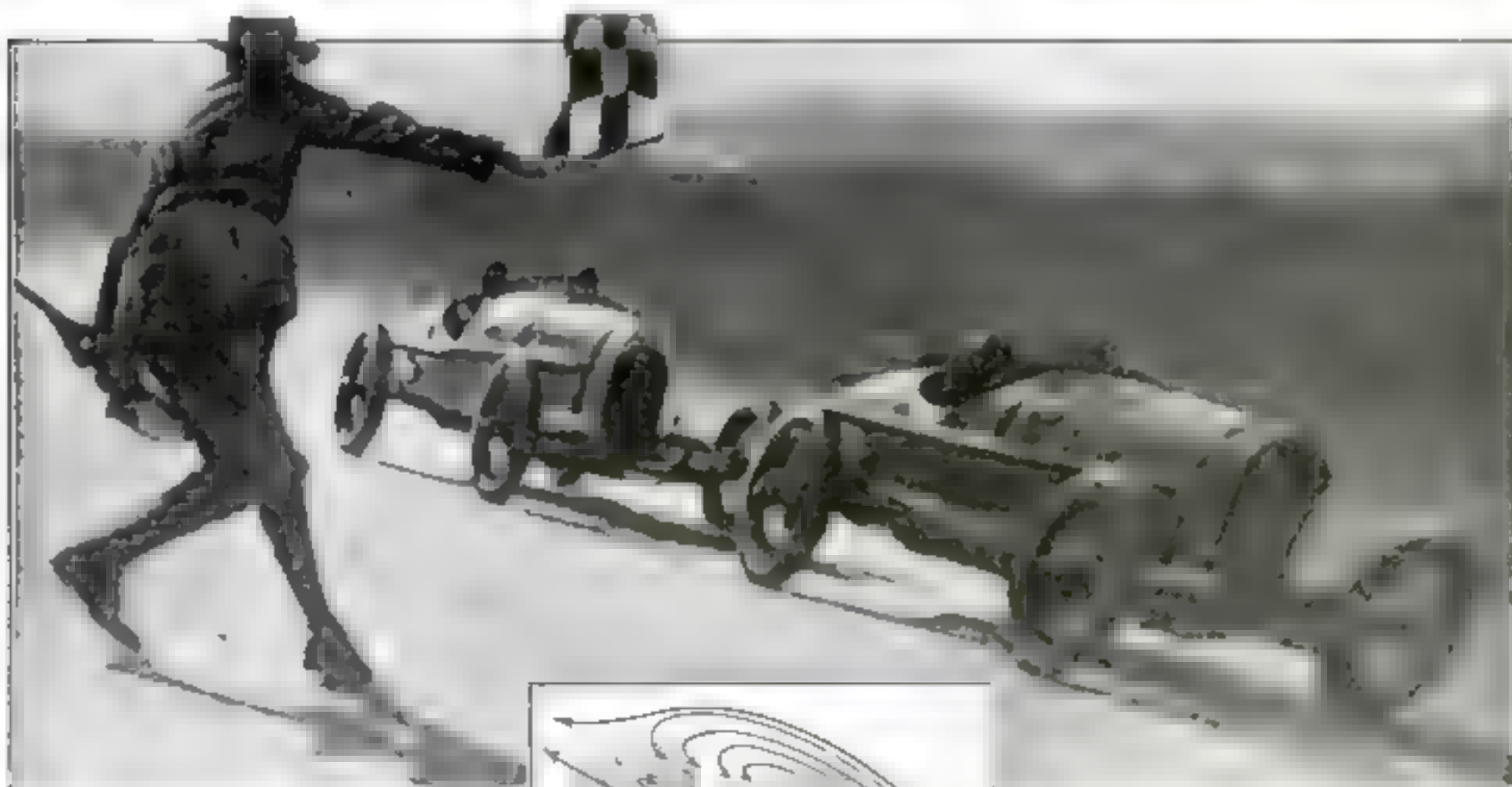
Because De Palma's car was slightly faster than Boyer's, Boyer began "grabbing

De Palma's towline" coming out of the turns, tacking into the suction of the speedier car, and making De Palma pull him down the straightaway, while Boyer rested his motor. Just before they crossed the finish wire, Boyer would speed his motor and suddenly swerve to the side of the leader, crossing the tape inches ahead, and pulling down the prize money.

To overcome wind resistance all racing cars are streamlined. The tremendous advantage of streamlining was strikingly demonstrated in the long,

narrow machine with which Tommy Milton smashed the world's speed record, driving 166.4 miles an hour at Daytona Beach, Fla. The car was a single seater.

Yet the long, tapering design, so effective in cutting the wind on the straightaway, worked with reverse effect when the car was tested on a speedway with banked turns. Every time Milton swerved for a turn, the long tail of the speedster would swing against the wind, creating suction at the leeward side of the car. Here the very suction that has helped other drivers to victory, served to retard Milton's speed.



How a racing car gets a "tow" by nosing into the suction behind a speedier car. This remarkable photograph shows Joe Thomas, traveling at terrific speed while towing a slower car with him winning at Los Angeles City speedway.



In one contest Hannagan reports having seen Eddie Rickenbacker tow Ralph Mulford in this manner at an average speed of 85 miles an hour, when the best speed Mulford's car could attain alone was only 67 miles an hour.

World's Richest "Fan" Booms Radio

By Jack Binns

World Famous Radio Expert and Staff Writer for POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY

ALONG the storm-swept sands of Buzzard's Bay on the rocky Massachusetts coast, eight towering wireless masts have recently sprung up to mark the site of the most amazing radio experiment station in the world. They stand at once as the fulfillment of a millionaire radio fan's hobby and as beacons of hope to rebuffed and discouraged radio inventors everywhere.

Here Col. Edward H. R. Green, crippled son of the wealthiest woman in history, is transforming his 259-acre "Round Hills" estate into a radio Utopia where he bids penniless experimenters and experts from far and wide to delve with him freely into the fascinating mysteries of the air. With part of the huge fortune amassed by his famous mother, Hetty Green, he is converting the sun parlor of a palatial country mansion into a private radio research laboratory equipped with every piece of apparatus known to modern wireless science.

His "open house" will include free use of unsurpassed laboratory facilities, the assistance of a paid staff of skilled engineers, and the benefit of broadcasting and reception stations that are among the most powerful in the country.

And why, you may ask, is Colonel Green doing all this?

The answer is simple. It's his hobby.

"It's pure selfishness," he confessed. "I am interested in radiodevelopment for the pleasure it gives me. But I believe, too, that the pleasure of radio should be accessible to every man, rich or poor. The future of radio lies largely in the hands of enthusiastic amateurs who will spend days and nights working over some little problem, for the sheer fascination of the thing, without thought of ultimate profit. I want to aid these enthusiasts, at any cost, to put their theories into practice."

By next June, this millionaire radio fan expects to open a free school for amateurs, with a picked staff of instructors, radio experts, and lecturers.

"My aim," he says, "is to hasten the ad-

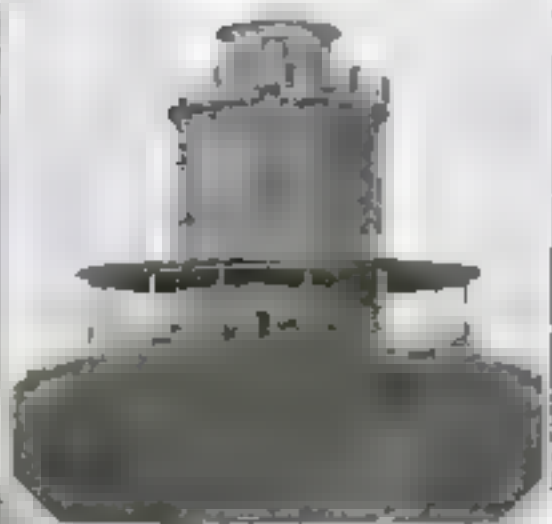


Col. Edward H. R. Green—son of the world's richest woman, the late Hetty Green—who is devoting his fortune to developing radio for the benefit of mankind

vent of the 'radio Ford'—the low-priced receiving set that will cost not more than \$25 complete, but that will be really sensitive, reliable, and simple to operate."

To further this aim, Colonel Green proposes an annual prize contest in which the amateur who offers the idea that advances radio the most during the year will receive a first prize of \$5000.

The equipment of the experiment station will be a marvel of perfection when completed.



From this unique loudspeaking tower overlooking Colonel Green's estate it is possible that radio broadcasts may be heard when the wind is right by next summer's visitors at Martha's Vineyard, 20 miles away. Note wooden horns at top of tower.

The tower will be built of 12 masts, four of steel 248 feet high, and the remaining eight of wood, 125 feet high. In addition, there are three 12-foot loop aeri-als.

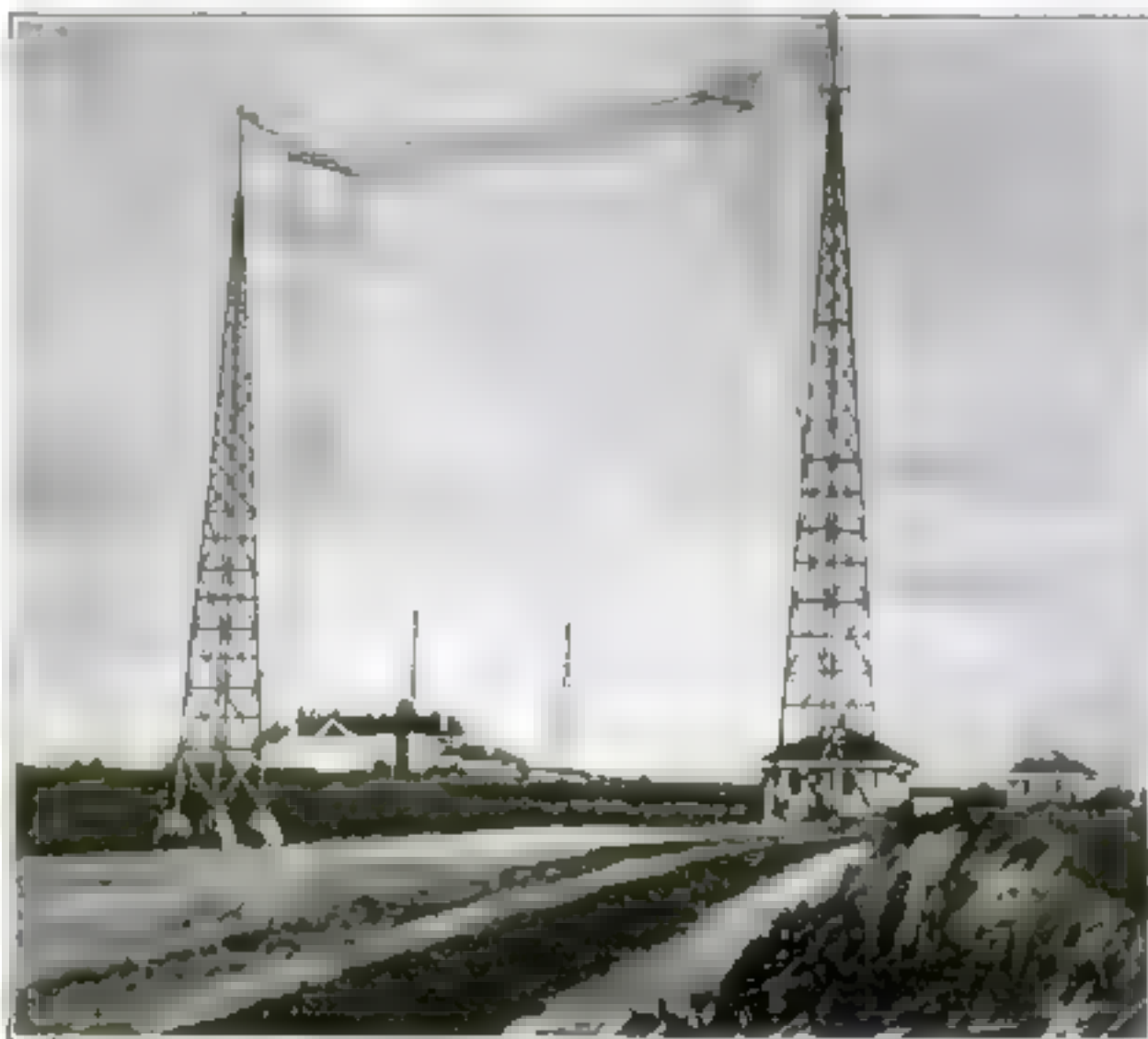
The larger of three broadcasting stations will operate on the 400-meter wave length allotted to Class B stations and the other two on 360 meters. To judge the quality of signals sent out, special receiving stations are being erected along the Massachusetts coast and in New York City.

These receivers will be tuned to the transmitters at Round Hills, and their output connected with long distance telephone lines, and carried back over wire to Colonel Green's estate. In this manner engineers

at Round Hills can obtain first hand knowledge of the quality of reception in any given direction and under any known local conditions.

The outstanding achievement of the receiving end of this vast laboratory is a loudspeaking tower, resembling a lighthouse. Around a ledge near the top of the tower have been placed large wooden loudspeaking horns. The volume of sound from these horns is sufficient to be clearly audible over a radius of 4½ miles. Fishermen on the bay can enjoy entertainment such as they never before dreamed of.

While Colonel Green proposes to offer every assistance to worthy experimenters, the laboratory staff will be engaged in developing the art of radio generally.



This view of Colonel Green's palatial wireless experiment station shows aerial masts for transmission. The sun parlor of his mansion in the distance is being converted into a radio laboratory with complete modern equipment.

Waterfall Plunges from Power Plant "Safety Valve"

IMAGINE a great stream of water flowing through a mountain tunnel nearly two miles long, then rushing with tremendous force through 15-foot penstocks, or power house supply conduits, at the rate of 1800 cubic feet a second.

What would happen if valves in the penstocks were suddenly closed, causing this great body of surging water to gather its full force and strike a terrific blow, like some gigantic sledge hammer, against the walls of the conduits?

That is the problem that confronted engineers in constructing the Pitt River power plant, which supplies the San Francisco Bay region in California. By experimenting with miniature models, they learned that to prevent the pipe lines from bursting under hammer blows from sudden changes in pressure within the pipe, they would require a chamber 60 feet in diameter and 55 feet deep to take off the surge, or massing of waters.

Such a surge chamber they built at the penstock end of the 10,111-foot tunnel. At normal times, water flows from the tunnel through

the surge chamber, and from there directly into two penstocks 1879 feet long. The flow is governed by two butterfly valves, 10 feet nine inches in diameter, said to be the largest in the world.

When it is necessary to divert the water from the plant, these valves are closed, the surge chamber overflows, and the water is diverted to one side, plunging over a precipitous cliff to the bed of the river 400 feet below.

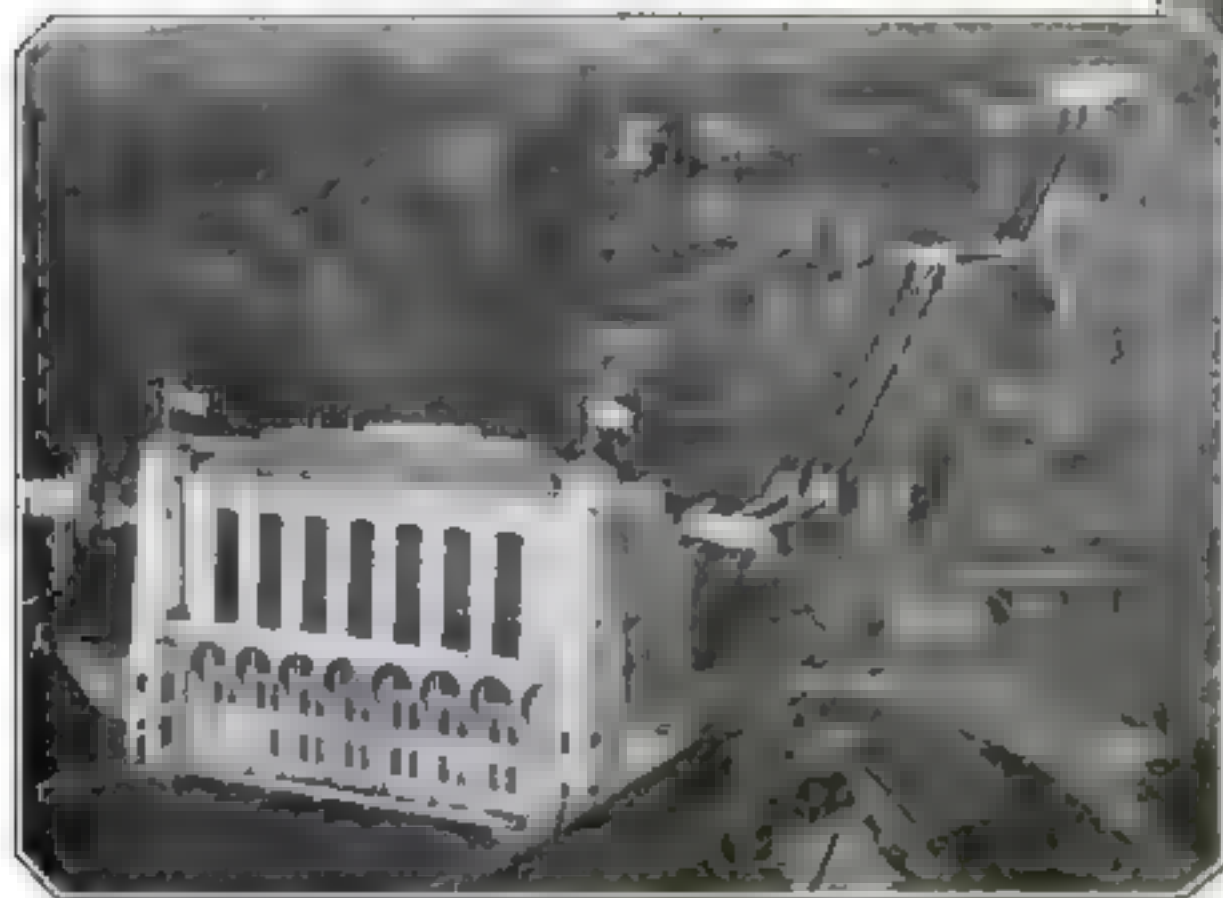
This plant is but one unit in a gigantic power development project which, when completed, is expected to have 600,000 horsepower capacity.



PLUNGING over a precipitous cliff to the river 400 feet below, this picturesque waterfall represents a tremendous force of excess waters from the Pitt River power plant. Calif. a surging mass that, if suddenly arrested in the penstocks by the closing of valves, would act as a gigantic sledge hammer, breaking the pipes.

THIS seething water flows from a surge chamber the safety valve of the power plant—stationed at the head of the penstocks and at the end of a two-mile supply tunnel through a mountain, as shown in central diagram. When penstock valves are closed, the surge chamber overflows, the overflow being diverted over the cliff as shown above.

The photograph at the left shows the magnificent Pitt River power house.



Compressed Air Shoots Round Bullets from High Power Rifle

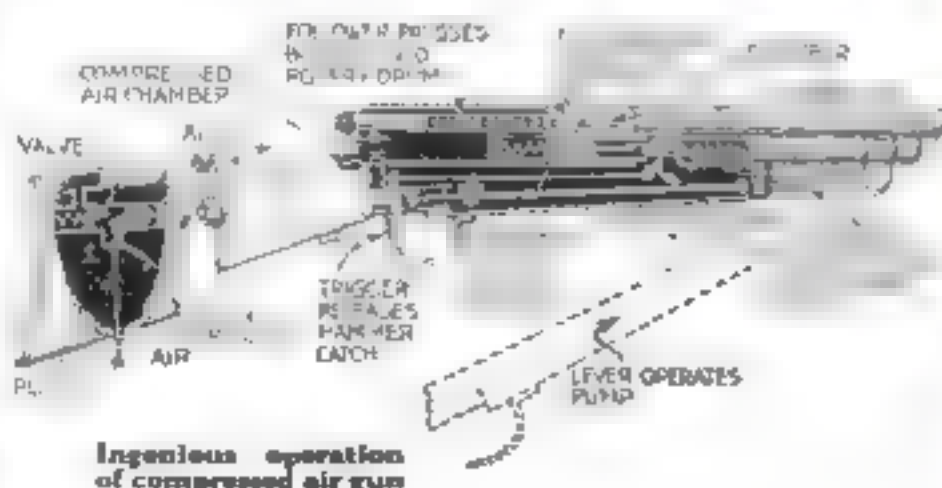
AMMUNITION costs for hunters may be greatly reduced through the invention of a high power pneumatic rifle by A. V. Dickey, of Seattle, Wash. The gun uses compressed air under 600 pounds pressure and is said to have a muzzle velocity of 200 feet a second greater than that of the ordinary small caliber powder rifle.

A lever attached beneath the rifle is connected with an air pump. This lever is moved back and forth until sufficient pressure has been obtained in the air reservoir in the stock.

Spherical bullets are then inserted in a chamber behind the breech, a cocking slide on the right side is moved forward,

carrying one of these bullets into the gun chamber.

Pulling the trigger releases a hammer that strikes a firing pin attached to the air release valve. The instant the valve remains open is sufficient to allow a quantity of air under a pressure of 600 pounds to escape, forcing out the bullet.



The operator pumps air into a reservoir in the stock of this high powered pneumatic rifle. Spherical bullets are inserted, and the trigger, when pulled, opens a valve, releasing enough compressed air to drive out the bullet at high velocity.

Porous Concrete "Boards" Are Fastened by Nails



Nailed to wooden studding, porous concrete slabs an inch thick form the walls of this attractive garage. The structure of the material is shown in the actual cross section at the left.



THIN, porous concrete slabs that are extremely light in weight yet strong enough to withstand a crushing pressure of 600 pounds to the square inch have been developed recently by a New Jersey manufacturer.

Reinforced by wire netting, these concrete boards, only an inch thick, can be nailed to studding much as lumber would be. Because of their peculiar air-cell structure, they are said to be exceptionally effective heat and sound insulators; while their resistance to heat, steam, or water, it is claimed, make them comparatively fire-proof.

Mixed with Wax-like Pellets

In manufacturing the slabs, cement and sand are mixed with a specified quantity of small pellets of a secret chemical composition resembling paraffin wax. After water is added, the cement, sand, and pellets are mixed thoroughly, then poured into a steel form over wire netting reinforcement.

As soon as the cement has set, the slabs are removed from the forms, placed on steel cars and hauled to a steam tank where, under the action of exhaust steam, they are heated rapidly. This heat melts the waxlike pellets, which drip out of the slabs into receptacles beneath the steam tank.

After about 24 hours of steam treatment that removes all traces of the chemical, the slabs are in a porous state. At this point they are cooled and placed in a steam curing room, where they are kept heated and moistened for two or three days until they

possess the strength necessary for building operations.

When used in connection with stucco finish, the siding slabs are nailed to wooden studs with the wire mesh reinforcement outward. This makes a good base for the stucco,



Carried in cars to a steam tank, in background, the unfinished slabs are subjected to heat that melts the waxlike pellets, producing pores.

Water Pressure in Tube Measures Depth of Soundings



The brass pipe sounding apparatus, with weight attached to sink it.



Depth is determined by measuring rise of water in glass tube.

AN INGENIOUS sounding instrument now in general use consists of a brass pipe inclosing an air-filled glass tube and a lead weight that carries the instrument to the bottom of the body of water where soundings are to be made. Depths are determined by noting the extent to which water pressure compresses the air in the glass tube. The tube is open at the lower end, while the inside surface is covered with a water soluble dye. The instrument is suspended from a thin wire.

The water pressure at any depth is proportional to that depth; hence, as the instrument tube sinks, the water entering the brass pipe rises higher and higher in the tube, dissolving the dye as it rises.

When the instrument is raised, the depth of the sounding is determined by measuring, on a scale graduated in fathoms, the extent of the tube that is free from dye.

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First Article.

The Dawn of Life

WE KNOW today that the earth is very old, older by millions of years than the scientists of twenty years ago would have believed possible. We now know that the great drama of life on earth, the drama in which you and I are playing our little parts, has been going on for more than a billion years.

Think what this means. A period so incomprehensibly long that a man's whole life time is but a few seconds in comparison!

Yet step by step back into this tremendous abyss of time we are now able to trace the evolution of man, the story of how every living thing in the world developed out of tiny life germs first born in the sea some thousand million years ago.

Suppose you could have been present then—what would you have seen? In pools along the margin of the sea you might have discovered a speck or two of transparent jelly; here and there on the surface a little scum of slime. You would not have recognized them for living things alone.

Behind the seashore rose smoke-crowned volcanoes. Against the barren cliffs surged storm waves of the primeval sea. Earthquakes rocked the land. Lightnings flashed; thunders rumbled; down over the rocks there poured the floods of rain.

And in the midst of all these natural wonders the greatest of them all would have gone unnoticed. For the greatest of them, the most significant, the most important in earth history, were undoubtedly just those small slimy specks washing about in the seashore pools.

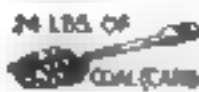
These slime specks, or something very like them, became the parents of every living thing on earth. They were the first ancestors of man.

Where these first living particles came

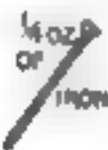
The Story Told in Pictures



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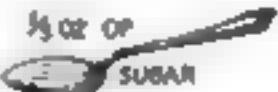
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What Your Body Is Made Of

The Same Story in Percentages

This picture illustrates what you would get if you analyzed the contents of an average man. These chemical constituents of the normal human body have a market value of about 95 cents! The column below shows the percentages by weight of the elements making up the various tissues, while on the opposite side of the picture are shown the normal quantities of each substance. Note that the body is mostly composed of water.

66% WATER

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2.1% HYDROGEN

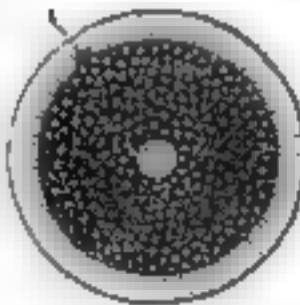
15.8% CARBON

2.5% CALCIUM

1.2% PHOSPHORUS

6.7% OXYGEN

Besides the above elements the body contains minute quantities of silver, potassium, iron, zinc, boron, magnesium, and others, totaling a fraction of one per cent.



The human body grows from a single egg cell, such as that shown highly magnified at left. Less than a hundredth of an inch in diameter, it can produce an adult man composed of thousands of separate tissues and containing all the chemical elements illustrated at right.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST CREATURES

PREHISTORIC
BRACHIOSAURUS
87 FEET LONG.
WEIGHT ABOUT 60
TONS. MOST MON-
STROUS CREATURE
KNOWN EXCEPT THE
WHALE

from, we do not know. Distinguished

germ of life first came to earth from another

earth; that in the course of ages, combi-

nations of chemicals took place spontaneously
in the primeval sea; that as time went on,
these combinations became more and more
complex; that finally, without any very
sudden change or clear transition, they
were alive—they were breathing, growing
particles of living matter.

Secrets of Life's Origin in Us

If you could go back to the beginning of
time, you would find that the first living
creature was a germ of life. This germ was
based on first class scientific reasons.

One of the first things that you would
find is that the germ of life was a very
simple thing. It was a little ball of
matter, and it was very small. It was
like a drop of water, but it was not
like a drop of water. It was like a
drop of wax, but that each one of these

droplets was a germ of life.

consists really of a great assemblage of tiny
units, each of which is a "cell." There
are many kinds of cells, each with a
different duty. Inside your
enlarged self you would see some cells
busy making juices to digest food. Others
would be lengthening and contracting again
as the muscles worked. Still others would
be building bone where the skeleton was
growing. Most wonderful of all, you would
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cells. These are the cells that you would
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Cell Units Perform Varied Duties

These cells are the units of life. There
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Now, when you look at the cells of your
body and all other creatures are composed of
cells, we have other reasons for believing

The Smallest Living Things

Imagine a man the height of the World's
War II tank. Now imagine all other
living things enlarged in size to the
same proportion. Then you would see
the smallest living things. They are
so small that they could be seen only
with a microscope. They are the
germs of life. They are the cells of
life. They are the units of life.

HUMAN
RED BLOOD
CORPUSCLE

THE GERM OF
TYPHOID
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AT RIGHT,
A SMALL
ROT FER
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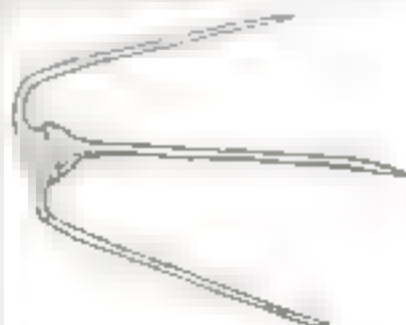
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cells, we have other reasons for believing

The Largest Flying Creature that Ever Lived



This huge flying dragon, the Pteranodon, measuring more than 24 feet in wing span, once lived where the state of Kansas is now. Its wings consisted of one bone to which the body and an overgrown fifth finger, some nine feet long, were attached. It had three-fingered fingers like claws in its wings. It was a member of the family of the reptiles.



11. Not long ago, and at least this far, the Pteranodon was a member of the family of the reptiles. It was a flying dragon, and it lived in the state of Kansas. It was a member of the family of the reptiles.

that life is a long, unbroken chain of microscopic drops of jelly. One of these reasons is that all living things today grow from such a single cell. And not only does every living thing—plant, fish, insect, man—start from a single fertilized egg cell, but it grows to its final complex structure simply by division and subdivision of this cell into intricate cell colonies.

Independent Cells Can Live Alone

Still another reason is that cells do not always live in such colonies. Certain kinds can live alone, each cell for itself. Examine, some day, under a powerful microscope, a few drops of water from a pond, or from the sea, or from one of the little pools that gather in roadside ditches. You will discover a new world, a world crowded with living creatures. Scattered over the field of view of your microscope are clumps of little greenish globes that really are minute plants; now and then you will catch sight of the darting, wriggly forms of tiny animals. Along the bottom of your water-drop world you may see another animal creeping, a sluggish one, without any visible internal organs, continually changing in shape, looking merely like a speck of slime, yet unquestionably alive. Scientists call this creature the amoeba.

All these myriads of creatures that fill the water-drop world are so small that the

unaided eye cannot see them. They are single living cells, a good deal smaller than the cells of your body, but they are just as much alive as the cells of your body.

There are also some microscopic creatures like this that live in the air and water, and they are just as much alive as the cells of your body. They are single living cells, a good deal smaller than the cells of your body, but they are just as much alive as the cells of your body.

These free-living cells are the white corpuscles of the blood. Under the microscope they are merely little specks of translucent grayish jelly. They look like the creeping jelly-drop amoeba that you saw under your microscope in the ditch water. These white corpuscles float around in the blood, visiting all parts of the body together with the ordinary red corpuscles that give the blood its color. So long as we are well, they do not seem to have very much to do.

How White Corpuscles Attack Germs

But suppose disease germs invade the body somewhere. The white corpuscles immediately mobilize like a well-trained army at the point of the germs. Wherever they find one of the invading germs, they dispose of it by attacking it.

7. Representing one of the younger forms of the great group of organisms called the sponges, this is that probably the simplest form of cell colonies. Like a sponge, it has no definite shape, the hydra has eight tentacles at the top of its head. These arms seize food and draw it into the mouth at the end of the body. The arms are all alike in color. The colonies have now become specialized and here are the cells carrying on different jobs.

The little bulge on the side of the body is a "bud," the beginning of a new hydra. This bulge will grow longer, develop a set of arms of its own and will finally drift off by itself a complete new animal. The hydra also reproduces sexually.



8. The sea squirt, beginning life as a sack-bellied animal, develops a plan like growth.



6. Phylloporhysa, a fresh water hydra, taken from the only one on picture ever made of this curious animal. The hydra found in ponds, streams, rivers, where it abides, one is about one inch long.



10. The union of the egg and sperm, a process which is called fertilization, is the first step in the development of a new organism. This is the first step in the development of a new organism.



9. Venus fly-trap, one of the strangest of plants, has on each leaf three trigger hairs. When an insect touches one of them, the halves of the leaf close, trapping the insect. In a few days the leaf then digests it.

pedient of eating it up. The way in which they eat it is very interesting. Having encountered a germ, the corpuscle proceeds to flow around it. Little knoblike projections are pushed out of the corpuscle's body on each side of the germ; these meet on the further side and join, so that the luckless germ is actually engulfed inside the body of the corpuscle. Once in there, it is soon digested and troubles our body no more.

Now one of the most curious and interesting facts in all biology is that this way of taking up food by flowing around it is exactly the way in which the ditch-water jelly-drop—the amoeba—takes up its food. This tiny free-living creature not only looks just like our body guest, the white corpuscle, but also eats like it. And both illustrate the fact that living matter is made up of individual cells and that some kinds of these cells can live alone.

All Cells Made of Same Material

And not only are all living creatures alike in being composed of cells, but all these cells have inside them very much the same kind of material, a jelly-like substance that scientists call protoplasm. It has much the appearance of uncooked white of egg, though usually a little stiffer.

Living creatures are of the most diverse forms—a starfish, a snake, a man, a tree. One would not expect them to be composed of the same material. Yet they are. They are all made up of cells and all the cells contain protoplasm. So far as we can determine, it is very much the same kind of protoplasm.

How is this to be explained? Quite simply, if we accept, as most scientists do, the idea that all these diverse creatures are descended from a single ancestor, an ancestor who consisted of a drop of protoplasm living as a single independent cell in the primeval sea.

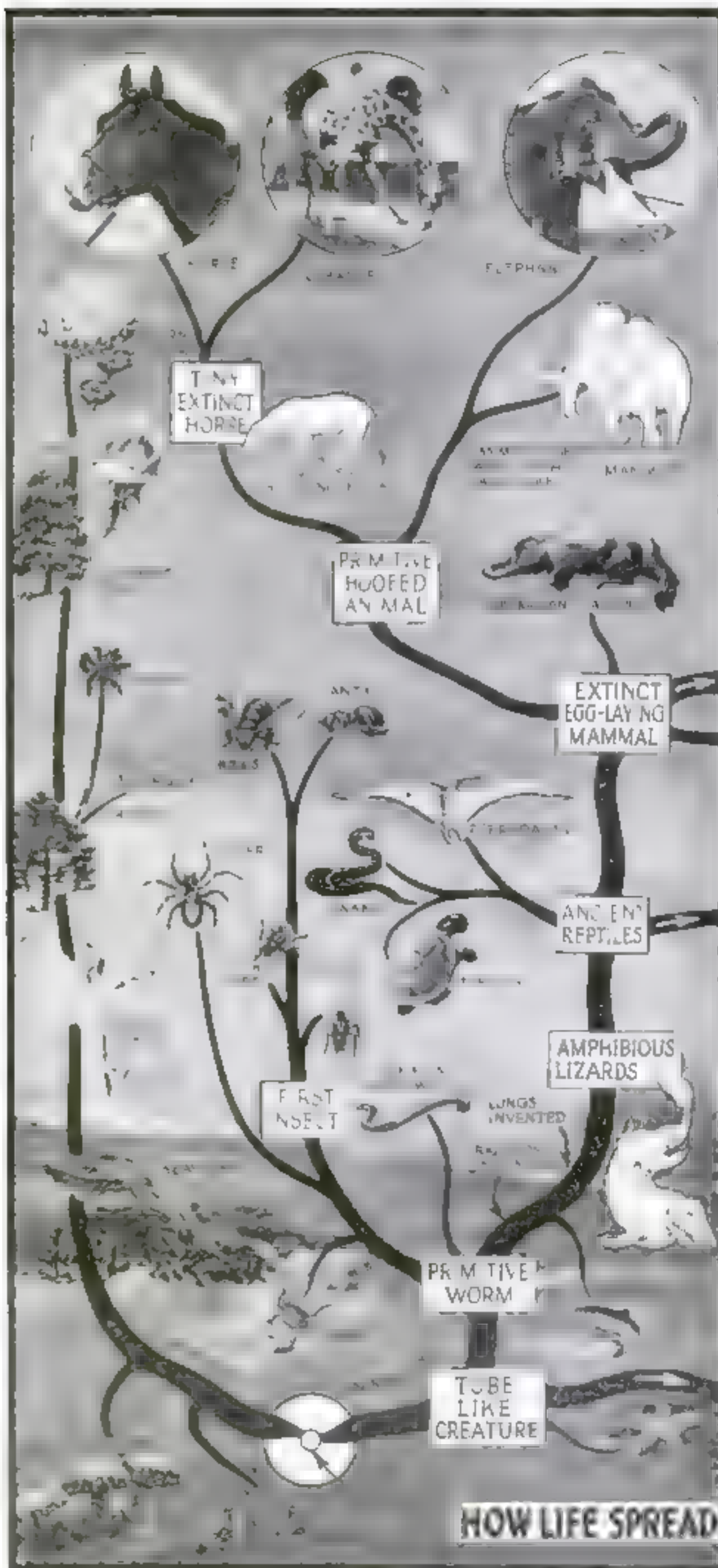
But, although the protoplasm of all cells appears to be much alike, you must not believe that it is exactly alike or that modern protoplasm is exactly the same thing as the original living matter. In the millions of years since life began on earth, protoplasm has changed just as everything else has. It has become more complicated. Different varieties of it have been developed to suit the kinds of work carried out by different kinds of cells.

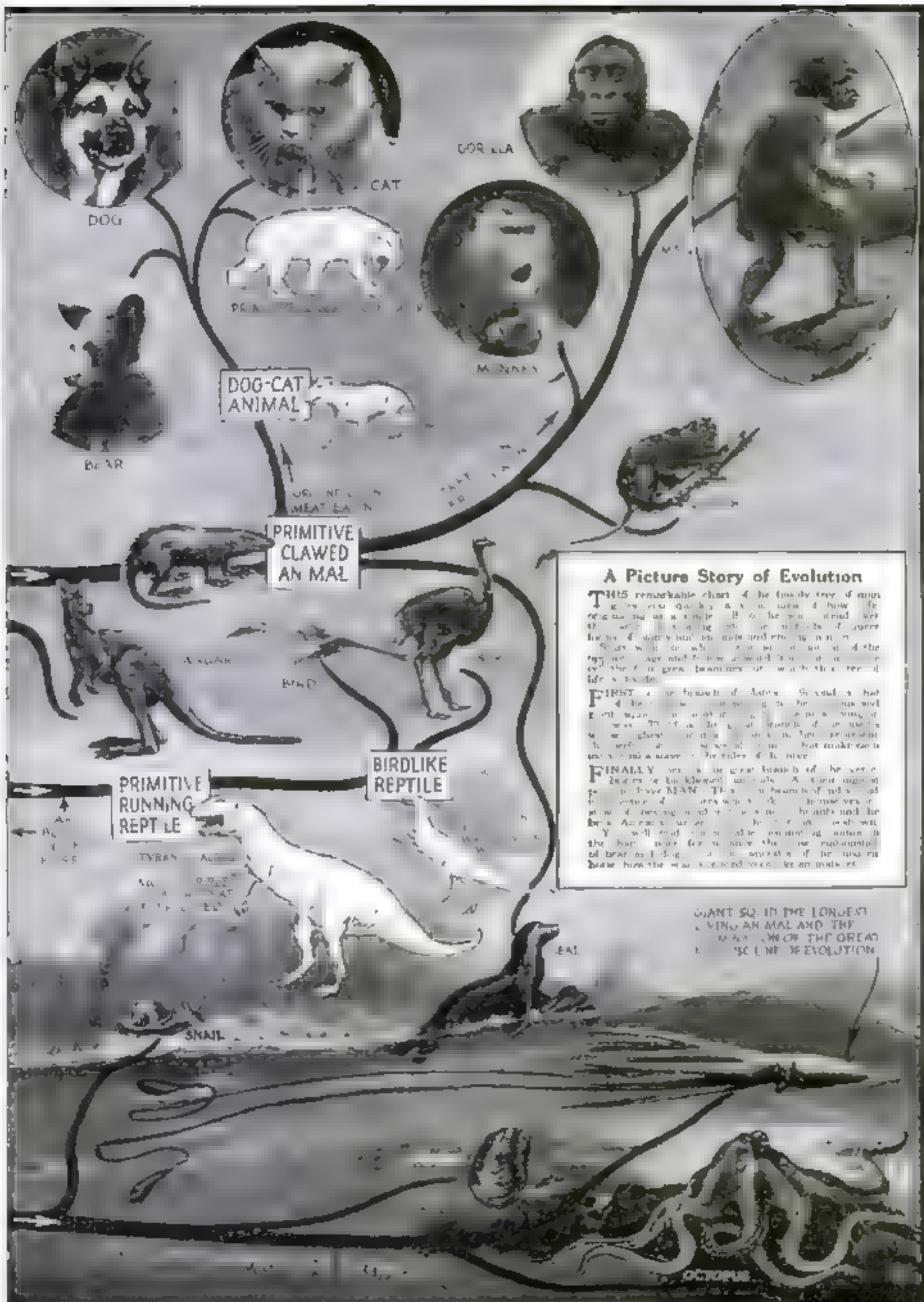
Protoplasm Eats, Breathes, and Moves

The things that protoplasm does are enough to prove that it is complicated. The living cells composed of it are able to eat, to reproduce their kind, often to move about. All of them that have been investigated have another characteristic: They breathe. Human breathing is typical. You take air into your lungs. Oxygen from the air combines chemically with a certain substance in the red corpuscles of the blood. These corpuscles laden with oxygen are then carried to all parts of the body. They give up their oxygen to the body cells. These cells take up the oxygen and use it, giving back to the blood a chemical compound of oxygen with carbon, the compound called carbon dioxide.

This is what breathing always is. Protoplasm takes up and uses oxygen. It gives off carbon dioxide. Every animal breathes in this same way. Every plant does likewise. The one-celled animals, which have no lungs, breathe by taking up oxygen directly through their surface, just as the individual cells inside our body take it up from the blood.

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A Picture Story of Evolution

THIS remarkable chart of the family tree of man tells you quickly & simply how the animal kingdom has evolved from the sea to the land, from the water to the air, from the simple to the complex, from the lowly to the high, from the primitive to the modern.

Start with the simple, and you will find the origin of the human race, and how it has evolved from the lowly to the high, from the primitive to the modern.

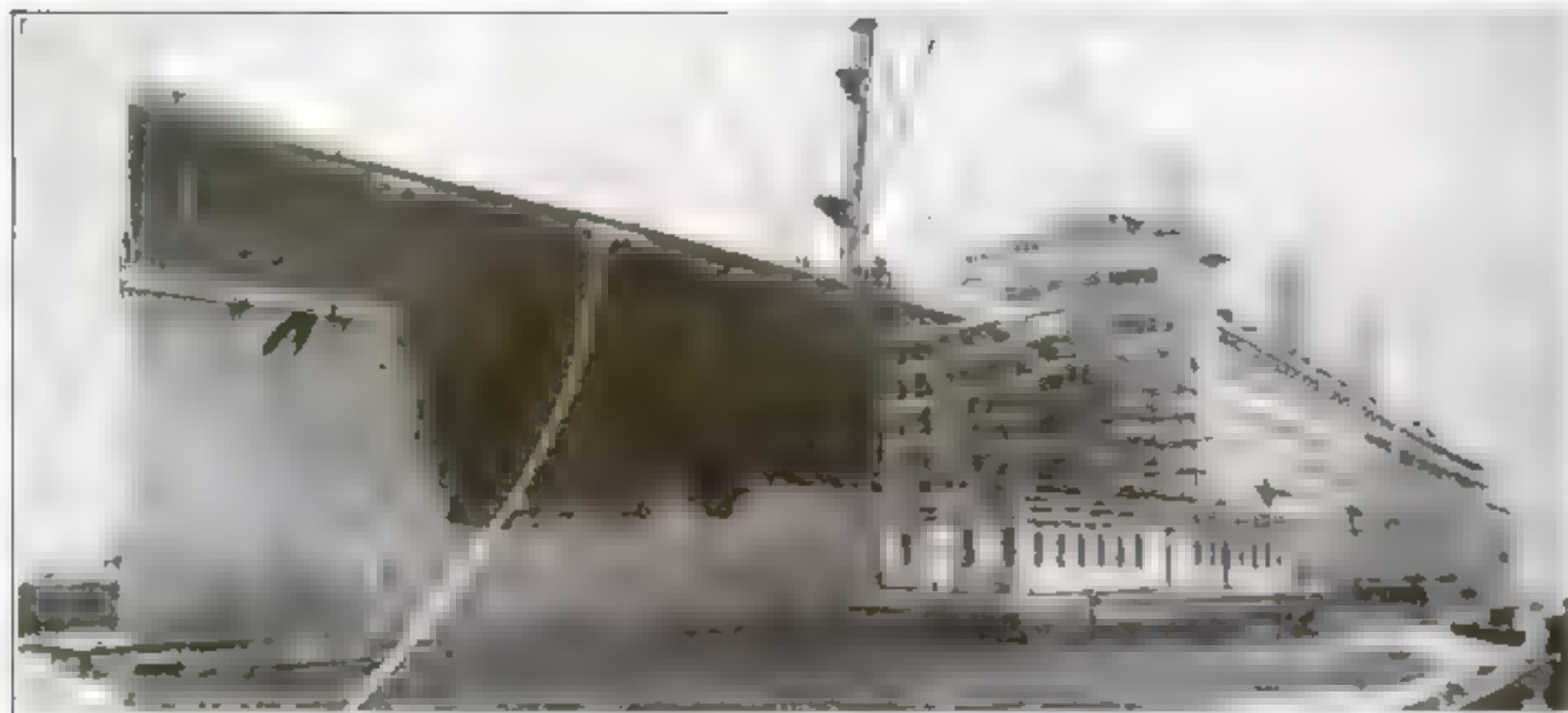
FIRST a simple form of life, a single cell, which grew and multiplied, and from which all life on earth has descended.

FINALLY we reach the great branch of the human race, the modern man, who has evolved from the lowly to the high, from the primitive to the modern.

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LIVING ANIMAL AND THE
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SCIENCE OF EVOLUTION

FROM A SINGLE CELL INTO PLANTS, ANIMALS, AND MAN

Historic "Leviathan" Becomes Queen of the Seas



From troopship to floating palace—the mighty "Leviathan," second largest vessel in the world, as she appears at Newport News, Va., in the process of transformation, at a cost of \$8,000,000, into the most magnificent of all passenger liners

THE most stupendous task of its sort ever attempted in the history of shipbuilding is now under way at Newport News, Va., where the historic "Leviathan," next to the largest vessel in the world, is being converted from a battered troopship into the finest passenger liner afloat.

When the monster ship that carried 164,500 United States officers and men in 16 trips to France during the war, sets out on her maiden voyage as a passenger carrier under the American flag early in the present year, she will represent the last word in sea-going luxury.

Five years ago the "Leviathan," formerly the German "Vaterland," was carrying

more than 10,000 American soldiers on each trip to France (in one trip she carried 12,000). Two years ago she lay rotting at her pier at Hoboken, N. J., while shipping men called her a "white elephant" on Uncle Sam's hands. They said the day of monster liners had passed, and that the "Leviathan" might as well be towed into the Atlantic and sunk.

Now more than \$8,000,000 and the daily labor of 2500 men are being spent on her to prove that America's merchant marine, after all, can support a liner outclassing the world's finest.

Eleven electric elevators are being installed. Oil will replace coal under her boilers. To protect the ship from any possible increase of fire danger, marvelous

fire safety appliances have

been installed in the staterooms

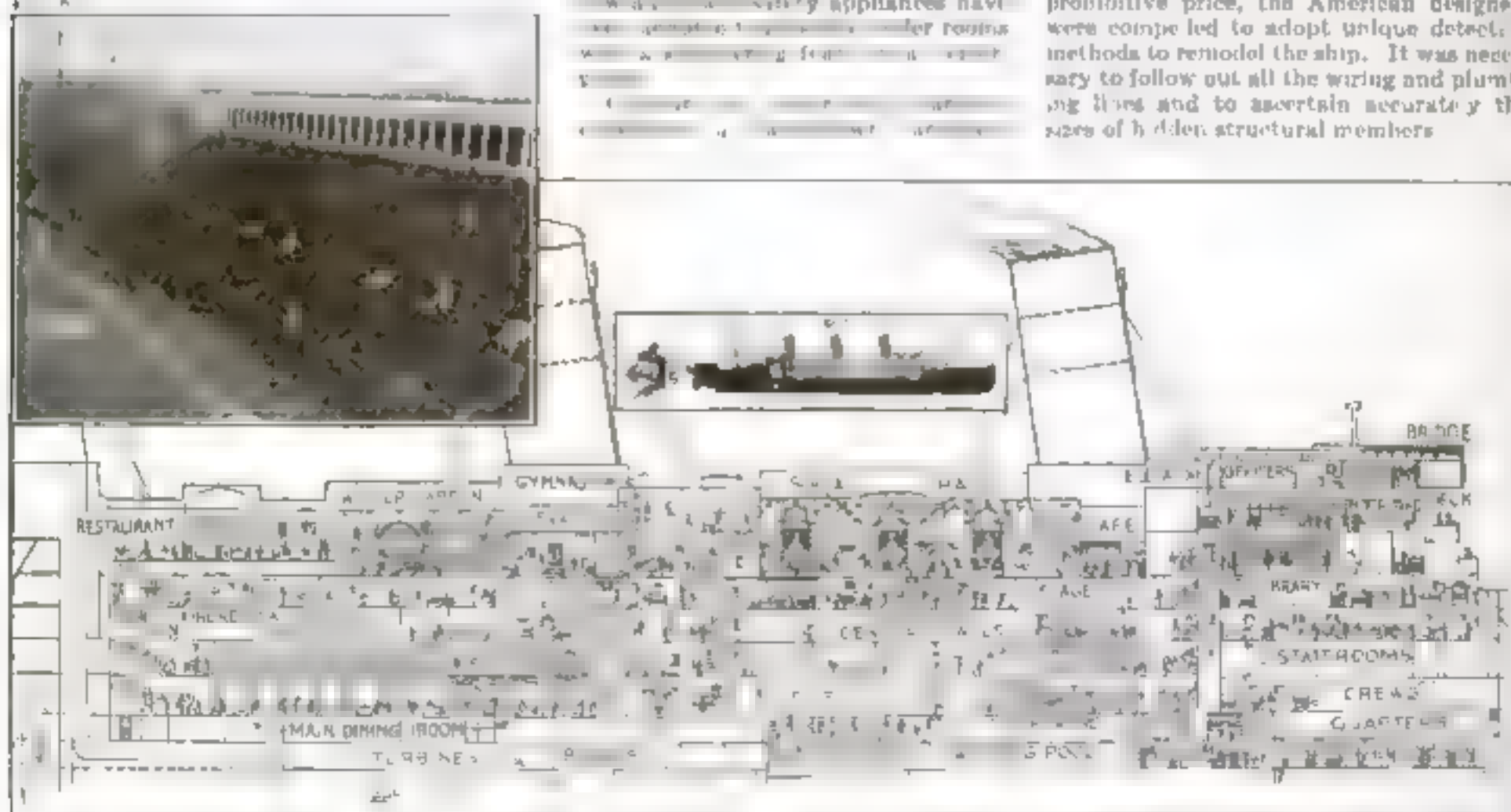
and in the engine room.

The ship's new

has been employed to re-design the interior. Her elaborate lighting fixtures will glow with 15,000 electric lamps. The entire ship is equipped with an intricate system of telephone communication, 600 instruments being connected on a central board.

To prepare food for the 5000 passengers and crew, seven complete galleys and four bakeries are being equipped. More than half a million dollars is being spent on the steward's department alone. For the dining rooms there will be 150,000 pieces of china and glassware. On every round trip the vessel will need three tons of tea and coffee, and 186,000 pounds of meat.

Since the only plans of the "Leviathan" in existence were in the hands of the German builders and were obtainable only at a prohibitive price, the American designers were compelled to adopt unique detection methods to remodel the ship. It was necessary to follow out all the wiring and plumbing lines and to ascertain accurately the sizes of hidden structural members.



This cross section diagram of the re-designed "Leviathan," shows arrangement of luxurious passenger accommodations. On one trip during the war, this mammoth vessel carried 12,000 troops—a throng visualized in the larger inset, showing a

section of the Harvard stadium. The smaller inset illustrates her tremendous proportions. Columbus' flagship, the "Santa Maria," placed on end, would not reach top of "Leviathan's" funnel. White portion represents section shown below.

Record Glider Revives Langley's Tandem Wings



The world's record flight of M. Maneyrol's tandem monoplane glider on the Sussex downs, England. Note the amazing altitude gained by Maneyrol by taking advantage of air currents (at right). Inset shows the glider making into the wind.

By Lorry Jacobs

PREDICTIONS of two far-seeing American aeronauts have been remarkably borne out by the recent record-breaking motorless flight of M. Maneyrol, French airman, in a Peyret tandem monoplane glider in which he stayed in the air for three hours, 21 minutes, and seven seconds, winning the London Daily Mail's prize contest on the Sussex downs, England.

In the first place, the design of the machine that made this record follows the essential tandem lines of the famous steam-driven "aerodrome" used by Prof. Samuel Pierpont Langley for the second successful flight in history, 26 years ago.

Secondly, the successful methods used by Maneyrol in piloting his glider fulfilled the promise made in the November POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY by Augustus Post, secretary of the Aero Club of America, when he said:

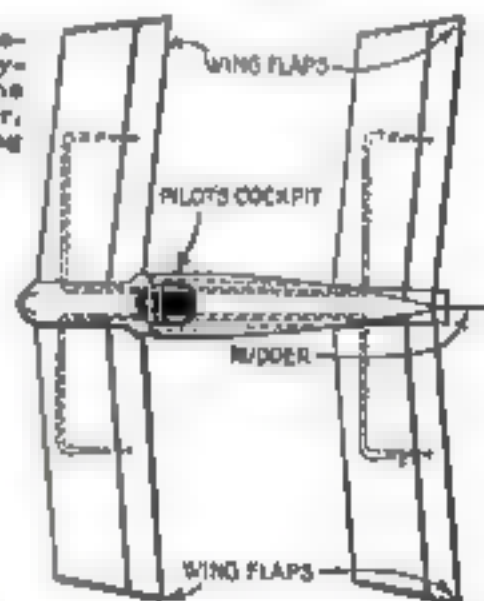
"During the period of increasing wind velocity, a pilot of the future will turn his plane head on to the wind and steadily gain height. As the wind decreases in velocity, he will turn at right angles. And at the beginning of a period of minimum wind speed, he will turn tail to the wind." It was this scheme of flying, combined with an advantageous and continuous updraft along the take-off hill, that won for Maneyrol.

"The flight resembled that of a bird," says an authoritative report, describing Maneyrol's per-

formance. "Every now and then the glider hovered with its nose to the wind. Sometimes the wind's velocity dropped and the machine began to glide downward and forward. The pilot then resumed his tacking. At other times the wind blew the glider backward slightly, but by 'diving,' Maneyrol got away from the hill 'where he took off.'"

While the tandem monoplane design of Langley has been little used in powered flight because the rear plane is far less efficient than the front one, Peyret realized that the tandem arrangement, when applied to a glider, facilitates control.

Structural details of the Peyret tandem glider, showing wing control.



M. Maneyrol, in the cockpit of his Langley-type glider that recently remained in the air three hours, 21 minutes, seven seconds, establishing a new world's record.

so that when the "stick," or control column, is pushed forward, the flaps of the front wings are raised and those of the rear wings lowered. When the stick is pushed to the left, the starboard flaps of both rear and front wings are depressed, those on the port side being elevated. Any combination of forward and sidewise movement of the control stick is possible.

Directional control is obtained by means of a rudder manipulated from a footboard.



Compact Oxygen Apparatus for Mountain Climbers

ADVENTUROUS scientists who recently attempted to scale Mount Everest in the Himalayas might have been successful if they had been equipped with a newly invented portable oxygen apparatus, designed especially for mountain climbers and aviators, which supplies just the right amount of oxygen at any elevation.

The amount of oxygen required by a mountain climber varies from 61 cubic inches a minute at 13,000 feet to 183 cubic inches a minute at 26,000 feet. Thus at any given elevation, as indicated by a barometer, the valve is set at a corresponding figure, allowing the correct amount of oxygen to enter the breathing bag. A small flap valve prevents exhaled air from entering the bag.

Inability to obtain sufficient oxygen resulted in the failure of the Mount Everest expedition to climb beyond the altitude of 27,364 feet. At the 23,000-foot level, one of the climbers became ill and oxygen was used more extensively; but because of the weight of the apparatus, progress was slow.

Storage Hopper Speeds Up Loader

BY MEANS of a storage hopper that can be adjusted to hold a specified quantity of material on a new tractor-loader, manufactured at Columbus, Ohio, batches of material in desired amounts are elevated to the hopper and held in readiness for the next receiving truck. The fact that the elevator is kept at work continuously greatly increases the capacity of the loader.

A universal swivel spout adds to hopper's efficiency

Universal swivel spout from storage hopper spouts material on the truck quickly



Elevated material is stored in hopper until truck arrives



Calendar-Desk Pad Fed from Paper Roll

EQUIPPED with a roll of paper such as that used with an adding or calculating machine, a handy desk pad recently placed on the market enables the user to record data, from day to day, on a continuous sheet of paper, much as stock quotations are recorded on ticker tape.

The base of the calendar has a bronze

When the exposed surface of the paper has been used up, the new surface is advanced by pulling on the end of the roll. The paper can then be torn off or left as a continuous record.

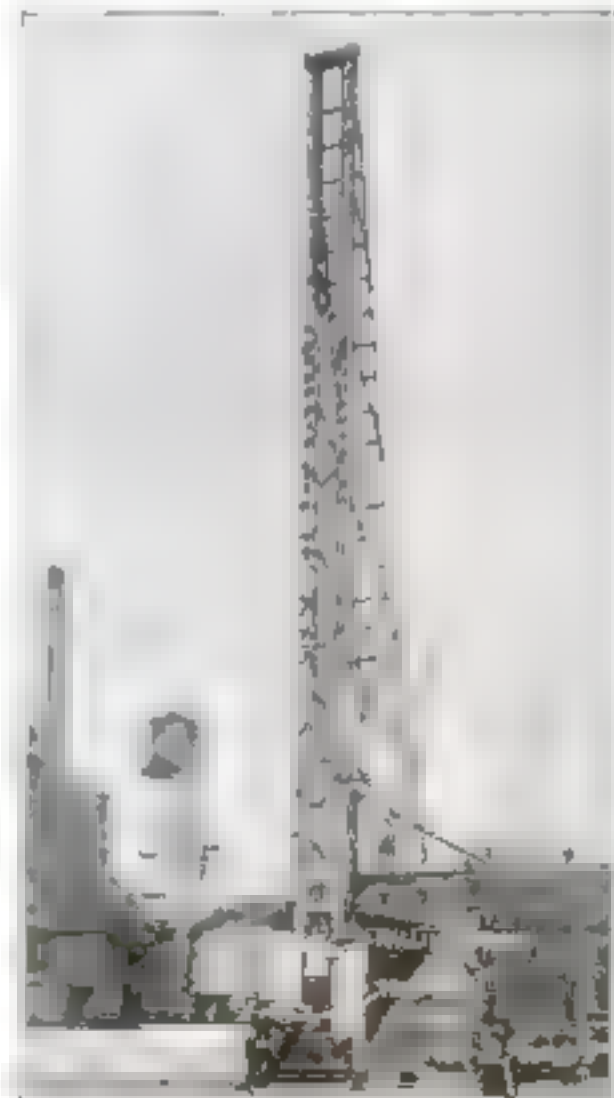
A permanent calendar attached in front of the roll can be used indefinitely

Falling Ton Weight Tests Strength of Axles

SINCE a single defective locomotive axle may cause a disastrous train wreck, manufacturers submit a certain percentage of each batch of axles turned out to tremendous shock tests.

In the final test each axle is supported near the ends while a weight of 2240 pounds is dropped on it twice, the axle being turned through an angle of 90 degrees between the two shocks. These two blows are considered sufficient to reveal any flaws in the material that may have escaped notice in previous examinations.

The height from which the weight is dropped varies with the diameter of the axle. Thus, for a 7 1/8-inch axle, the weight would be lifted to a height of 41 1/4 feet and then dropped.



Locomotive axles are tested by a weight dropping on them

Dental Lamp Casts Light through Teeth



How light from the curved lamp passes through teeth under examination



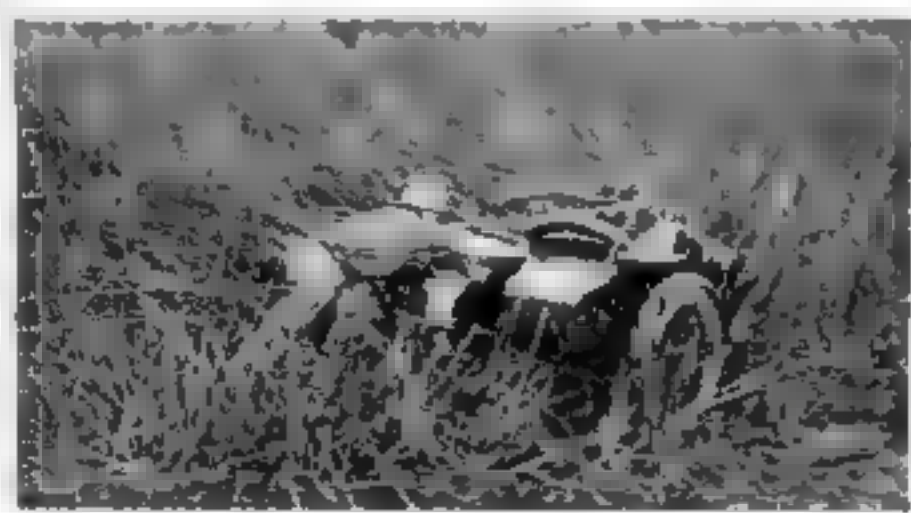
Light rays from filament, passing through a lens, are intensified

DIFFICULTIES of dental diagnosis have been in part overcome by the recent perfection of a mouth lamp that passes light through the teeth. The fact that the light from the usual mouth lamp is not sufficiently intensive for this purpose has long been a handicap to dentists.

In the new lamp the source of light is a filament, and the rays are projected through a lens that produces intense illumination.

The lamp is curved, so that when placed in the patient's mouth, it projects the light at right angles directly through the teeth. Since the lamp tube contains a vacuum, the outside remains cool.

Drives Motorcycle out of Mud and Stops It with His Teeth



Holding in his teeth a cord that controls the motor through an ingenious cut-out switch, the cyclist starts the motor, then boosts the machine out of the mire.



With handlebars tied, the machine goes straight ahead. To stop it, the cyclist need only stand still, for the pull on the cord in his teeth shuts off the ignition.

BY THE clever use of stout twine and a cut-out switch, a Western motorcyclist has devised an ingenious method of extricating a stalled sidecar motorcycle outfit from heavy mud or sand.

The problem, as analyzed by the cyclist, whose work takes him into almost inaccessible mountain and desert country, consisted of finding a way to give the machine a "boost" while working single handed—operating the motor while pushing and lifting the machine—and also a means of stopping the motor once the machine was out of the hole. Here's the way he solved it.

To keep the stalled machine straight on its course, the motorcyclist simply tied the handlebars. Then, to prevent the machine's running away and

being damaged, he fitted an ingenious motor cut-out switch to the right handlebar. This device, a modification of the usual cut-out switch used by motorcyclists for making quick stops, is in the form of a leaf spring, which holds the cut-out switch in circuit, making it necessary to break the circuit to operate the motor.

In order to keep the cut-out switch circuit broken while the cyclist works behind the machine, a small block of fiber was inserted under the spring. To this a length of stout cord was attached.

Now, when his sidecar is stalled, the motorcyclist simply ties the handlebars. He then starts the motor, puts the machine in low gear, and engages the clutch, then jumps behind the machine to lift and push it out of the mire. In his teeth he



A jerk on the cord releases a fiber block inserted under spring, closing the cut-out and stopping the motor.

holds the cord attached to the cut-out switch, and the machine goes ahead as long as he follows it. To stop it, he just stands still; for the cord held in his teeth will instantly pull out the fiber block and close the short circuit of the ignition system.

The plan might be applied to an automobile in a similar way.

Mules Drive Wooden Geared Money Presses

WOODEN minting machinery more than 300 years old is still in use for coining medals in the government mint at Potosi, Bolivia. Although the wooden gear wheels resemble those in an old fashioned clock, and it might be expected that either the short wooden pegs or the ladder-like pins would be broken if the gear were called upon to transmit any large amount of power, excellent coins are struck with the

machinery. Eight mules provide the power and it is estimated 100 tons pressure can be applied to the dies.

This pin gear, as it is called, has become almost obsolete. It is still seen occasionally in clocks and in feeding devices on milling machines. Wherever wood must be used, however, the pin gear is the perfect design, since the strain is always applied at right angles to the grain of the wood.



The ancient money press in the government mint at Potosi, Bolivia, showing pin gears resembling works in an old clock. This press is 300 years old.



Snow Skating Latest Sport

A NEW winter sport has come to us in the form of snow skates, invented by Peter Barlow, of Minnesota, which can be used in gliding over snow only half an inch deep.

The wooden runner has a broad steel shoe and is fastened to the skater's shoe in the same way that ice skates are clamped. The turned up toe serves to pack down the loose snow and to prevent the skater from tripping as the skates sink in.

Double Glass for Storm Windows

A NEW method of equipping the home with storm windows, said to be more satisfactory than the present clumsy outside sash, has been devised by a concern in St. Paul, Minn. which utilizes the regular sash as a base for a second pane of glass.

The inside edge of the window sash is cut to receive a metal strip, the side of which is pressed into a groove to receive the pane. This strip is made up into a frame that just fits the window and is held in position by keys provided at several points along the edges.

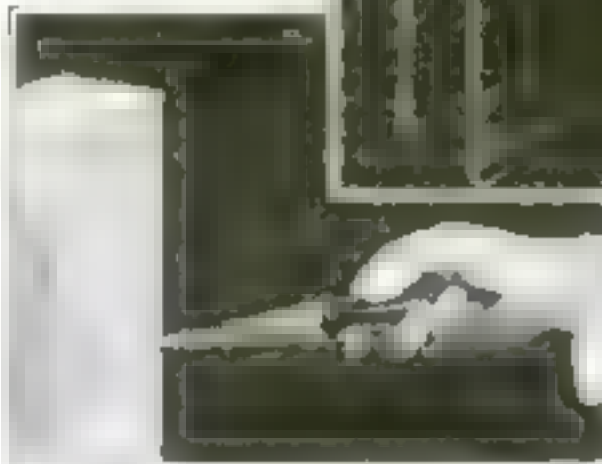
The purpose of all storm windows is to provide a dead air space between two sheets of glass so that the amount of heat lost will be reduced to a minimum. While the old method of attaching additional windows during the inclement

weather of the winter months has done this, yet there have been many opportunities for improvements from points of view of economy and beauty.

The new sash does not mar the beauty of a building and, because of this, it can be left in position at all times. The joints are so tight that no dust can penetrate to necessitate clean-



Above: Second pane of glass fitted in metal strip inserted in inside edge of the sash.



At left: Releasing storm window with screwdriver.

ing the windows between the panes.

To remove the sash, it is necessary only to turn a screw in the key seat with a screwdriver. This releases the frame and the sash can be withdrawn.

While the sash is made in standard sizes and can be substituted for the ordinary sash in a standard window frame, the molding is especially designed for the storm glass frame.

Portable Stackless Stove Keeps Workmen Warm

FOR the use of workmen in small shops where there are no heating facilities, and in buildings under construction during the cold weather, a portable coke stove has recently been placed on the market by a manufacturer in Trenton, N. J.

The stove is made of cast iron and has a single opening at the side through which the coke is fed. An opening at the bottom provides the draft necessary for combustion. No stack is provided, since the stove is used in places where it is usually possible to discharge the flue gases into the atmosphere.



Coke is fed through square opening.

Sixteen Million Books

FROM 10 to 20 million books have been published since the invention of movable type in 1464, some authorities placing the number more accurately at about sixteen and one half millions. These have been issued in the following order: fifteenth century, 40,000 volumes; sixteenth century, 570,000 volumes; seventeenth century, 1¼ million volumes; eighteenth century, two million volumes; nineteenth century, 8¼ million volumes, and 4 million since the beginning of the present century.



Cable Fence along Highway Protects Motorists

IF ALL highways were lined with a cable fence such as is used on the Lackawanna Trail in Pennsylvania, motor accidents caused by swerving off the road might be minimized and the number of deaths correspondingly decreased.

Two three-quarter-inch cables are stretched between posts on those sections of the highway that run along the side of hills or embankments. Thus, should a car strike the fence with sufficient force to uproot two or three of the posts, the cable, which is continuous, would still hold and would prevent the car from crashing down the declivity.

Two-Deck Bus Built Close to Ground

DESIGNED to increase safety and comfort for passengers, a double-decked city type motor bus of unusual strength and stability is being built by California manufacturers for interurban transportation.

To insure stability, the frame of the bus is set only 14 inches above the ground, while the gage of the car—the distance between wheel treads—is 70 inches. The frame of the chassis is of six-inch rolled structural steel channel, riveted at all joints.

The two decks provide seats for 46 persons—24 in the interior and 22 on the upper deck. Cross seats in the interior are reached

through side doors equipped with drop windows, while seats on the upper deck are reached by a flight of steps leading from the front end of the bus.

Drop windows of plate glass running in felt grooves disappear into the doors, which extend to the runningboard.

Driven by a four-cylinder gasoline engine of 42 horsepower, the car will develop a maximum speed of 49 miles an hour. Because of the exceptionally low center of gravity, the bus holds the road well at curves and is practically free from danger of overturning.



The double-decked safety passenger bus, showing low-hung body, stairway entrance to upper deck, and side-door entrances to interior.

AS A special service to readers, the Editor will be glad to supply, wherever possible, the names and addresses of manufacturers of devices mentioned in this issue.

Special Home Saves Time for Fire Chief



Below the fire chief's rooms is his garage

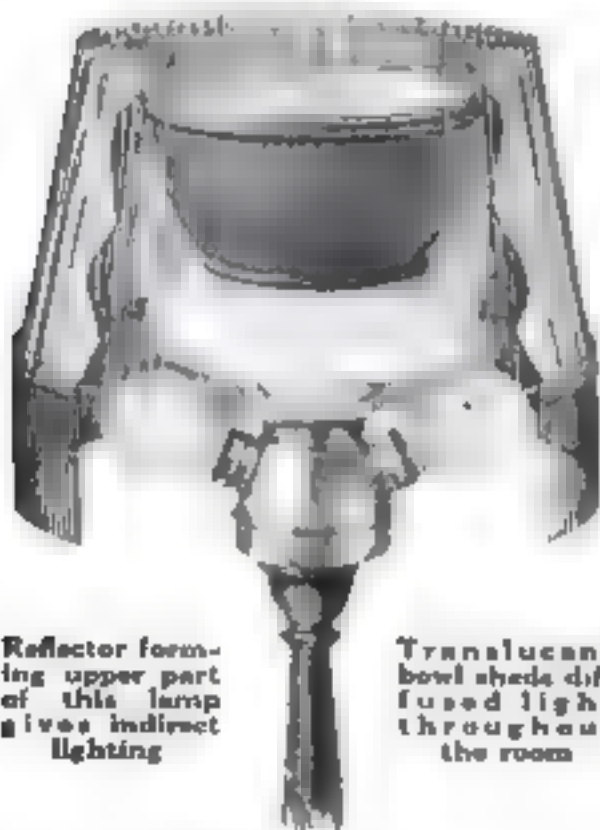
THE San Francisco fire department is making new efficiency records by having a specially constructed residence for the fire chief, making it possible for him to attend a fire as quickly as the engine.

When there is a fire, an alarm wakens fire chief and drivers, and automatically opens garage doors.

Lamp Attachment Provides Indirect Lighting

A NEW attachment for electric floor and table lamps makes it possible to obtain both a desirable diffused light throughout the room and the reflection of a brilliant light from the ceiling.

This indirect lighting adapter is provided with a screw that will fit into a socket in the top of the lamp, and is constructed of a translucent glass bowl surmounted by a reflector. When the adapter light is used,



Reflector forming upper part of this lamp gives indirect lighting

Translucent bowl shades diffused light throughout the room

the lower bowl sends out a diffused light and the reflector sends light rays toward the ceiling.

With this new invention, any home can have indirect lighting, considered the best method of illumination from a hygienic point of view.

Origin of Righthandedness

THAT righthandedness developed when man began to use metal instruments during the so-called bronze age is the conclusion of Sarasin, eminent French archaeologist, as the result of a study of implements used at various periods.



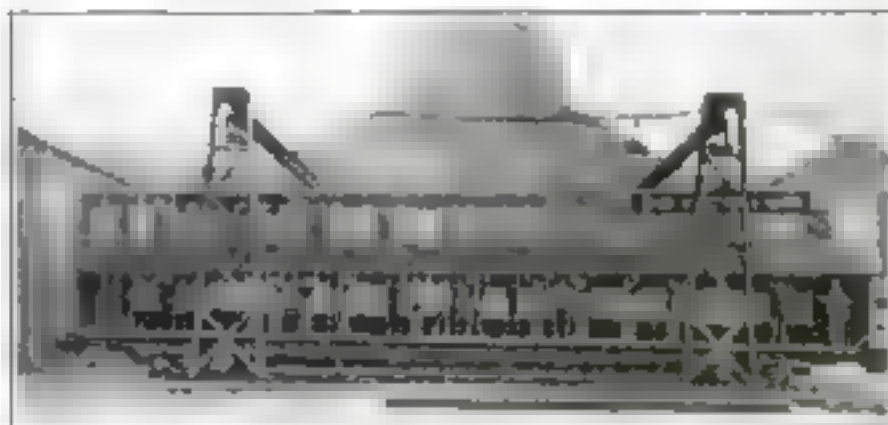
Bristles at Both Ends of Novel Toothbrush

A NEWLY invented toothbrush equipped with bristles at both ends, affords a means of cleaning teeth better than the ordinary brush.

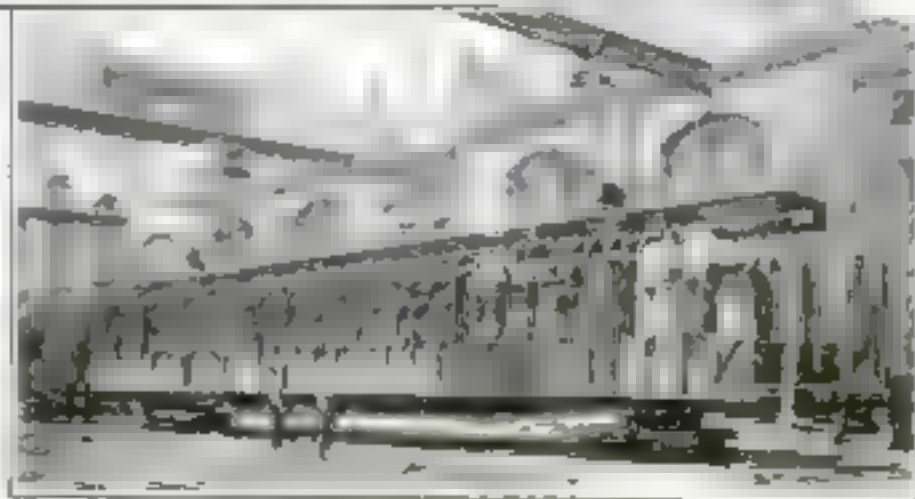
The smaller brush is held in the handle by friction and can be removed instantly when it is desired to use the big brush. Thus it is kept from contact with the hand.

The small brush efficiently cleans the inner sides of the teeth and the surfaces between them.

Pullman Car Walls Built in One Piece



BY BUILDING the sections of Pullman cars in one piece, the manufacturers are increasing greatly the passenger safety. Shop riveting is much more satisfactory than field riveting, it is found, with the result that the sections have a much greater power to resist impact.



Five Photos Are Taken on Same Plate

AN APPARATUS that photographs an object from five sides simultaneously, and on the same plate has been designed by the photographer of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

The object to be photographed is placed on the floor and the camera positioned so as to obtain a direct view. A mirror is placed



By means of mirrors, top and sides of the object are photographed simultaneously

on the four adjoining sides of the object so that a direct view of each of the sides is recorded on the plate.

The finished picture consists of a central main view and four auxiliary side views. In the old way, five separate exposures were required.

Sections are laid together on the ground and hoisted into position by cranes and fastened there by gangs of workmen, who place the standards into their proper location.

"Thermos Bottle" Holds Molten Iron in Ford Plant

TO ELIMINATE double heating of metal used in auto castings, the River Rouge, Mich., foundry of the Ford Motor Company employs a container, operating on the principle of a thermos bottle, in which the molten iron, coming from the furnaces, is maintained at white hot furnace temperature until the casting room is ready for it.

The usual method has been to cast the molten iron into pigs made up of the proper chemical composition. These pigs are melted a second time whenever it is desired to make castings—a duplication that results in considerable loss of time and labor.

The new container, with capacity of 25 tons, consists of one cylindrical shell within another, the inner one being lined with firebrick. At each end is an opening, one to receive the molten metal the other to act as a spout in pouring the castings. The low conductivity of firebrick makes it possible to keep the iron at white heat for five hours, during which time the contents can be used up for castings.

The proper chemical composition of the metal is obtained by tests of the iron in the container. Since the ore is not uniform, it is necessary to "doctor" it after smelting. Thus if it is found that a batch contains too little carbon, the metal in the container is mixed with a precise amount of cupola iron of greater carbon content. The result is the desired chemical composition.



HOLDING molten iron at white heat for five hours in the foundry, the "thermos bottle" container shown above in Ford's River Rouge, represents a striking advance over the usual method at left in which the molten iron is cast into pigs. These pigs are commonly allowed to rust in the open, then they are remelted for casting. By the new method, molten metal enters one end of the container, and when wanted is poured from the other end into monorail buckets that carry it to the foundry.



Sander for Motor Bus Stops Skidding

MANY of the accidents caused by the skidding of motor cars may be prevented by the use of a sanding device invented by August Schon, of New York City, and successfully tested recently on New York municipal passenger buses.

This anti-skid apparatus consists of a circular drum, attached to the under side of the chassis in front of each rear wheel. The drum holds eight hermetically sealed containers in each of which are three pounds of sand.

The tripping of a lever near the driver's seat releases the sand. The sand, dropping

to the ground in front of the rear wheels, gives them an immediate grip on the road surface.

In fact, it is claimed that a bus carrying 40 passengers and equipped with the sanding apparatus can be stopped within three feet when traveling at a speed that would otherwise carry it nine feet with brakes set.

The apparatus can be attached to touring cars without interfering with the entrance to the tonneau, for the nine-inch drum can be mounted in front of the rear mudguard, the sand flowing through a hole bored in the runningboard beneath the drum.

Tests with this New York municipal motor bus, carrying 40 passengers and equipped with the sanding device shown at right, showed that the sand poured in front of the rear wheels stopped the car within a third of the usual distance after the brakes were applied.



Attached beneath the chassis in front of each rear wheel the sander consists of a cylindrical drum holding eight sand containers. A lever at the driver's seat releases sand from one container at a time.



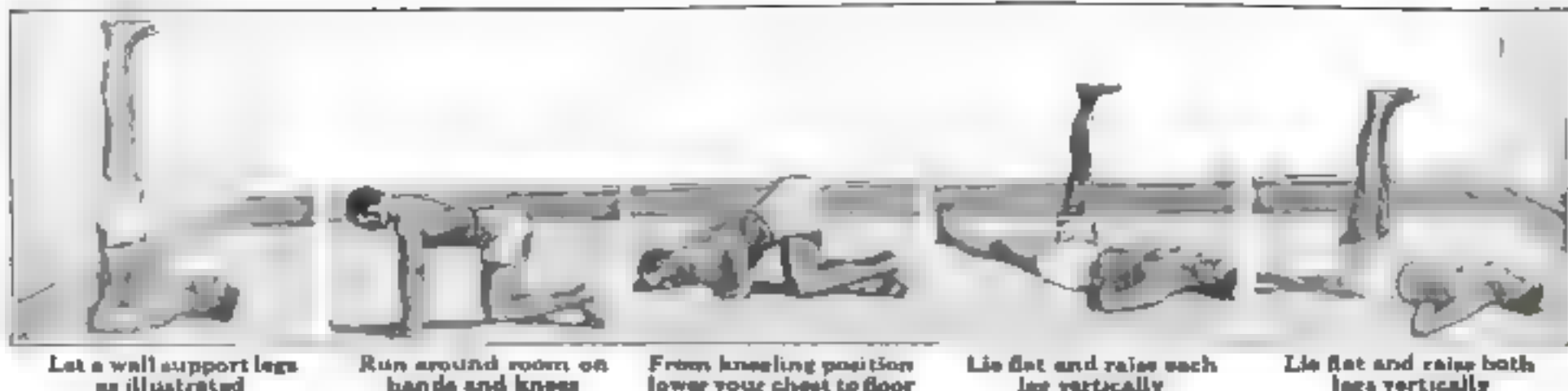
Rotary Scissors for Tailors

A NEW rotary cloth cutter, invented by John Holtzman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been designed to replace the shears as a cutting agent in large tailoring establishments, where it is said to turn out better work in shorter time.

It consists of a rotary cutter that presses, while rotating, against a fixed blade. This cutter is rotated by means of a toothed gear wheel, the lower part of which rolls along the surface upon which the cloth is laid.

Thus by grasping the handle and inserting the fixed blade of the tool under the cloth at the point where the cut is to start, then pressing down on the handle and moving in the desired direction, the operator can cut material in any pattern desired.

The new tool, while based on much the same principle as ordinary shears, is said to produce a cleaner cut.



Let a wall support legs as illustrated

Run around room on hands and knees

From kneeling position lower your chest to floor

Lie flat and raise each leg vertically

Lie flat and raise both legs vertically

Upside Down Exercises to Keep You Fit

Medical Expert Recommends Reversals in Posture to Stir Circulation of Stagnant Blood, Energize Under-Fed Nerves and Tone Sagging Digestive Organs that Have Grown Lax through Ages of Walking Erect

By Edwin F. Bowers, M.D.
Author of "Teeth and Health," etc

IF YOU could hang by your heels or stand on your head a certain number of times every day, physicians now agree that you might guard against many annoying ills of later life, from which few of us suffered in childhood, perhaps just because we did stand on our heads or performed other similar feats.

The rather absurd looking, but really worthwhile exercises illustrated at the top of this page are urged upon us by health experts, to remedy the slumping of our internal organs caused by today's unnatural modes of living. The chief health benefits of thus figuratively "standing on our heads" are these:

It exercises blood vessels and stirs normal blood circulation through bodily tissues, thereby stimulating the natural processes of repair.

It puts elastic "tone" into the blood vessels of the brain, so that nutrition of the brain cells and elimination of waste become normal, and the maximum mental efficiency is achieved.

It tends to draw back into proper position abdominal organs that have fallen from their normal place.

Finally, it stirs to activity a vital, little known watery substance—the cerebro-spinal fluid—that should normally bathe the brain and circulate through the spine, but tends to become stagnant.

To the fact that we walk about on two legs, instead of running about on all fours,

may be traced the ills that these exercises overcome. Indeed, when some apelike ancestor of ours, millions of years ago, first awkwardly elevated himself on his hind legs, thus first setting for mankind the fashion of walking erect, he sowed the seeds of a host of human ailments, although at the same time he made possible the development of our hands, brain, and speech—the sources of all civilization.

The erect posture changed the center of gravity of our internal organs, causing the stomach and intestines to hang unnaturally from the backbone, by tissues that have a tendency to relax, and let them sag downward into the abdominal cavity.

This relaxed condition, so doctors of all schools of medicine are now agreed, is responsible for, or contributory to, scores of the common ailments from which we suffer more or less all our lives.

A Source of Many Ailments

When we have "the blues," or a bad temper, or suffer from headache, dizziness, insomnia, nervousness in its thousand and one forms, indigestion, flatulence and obstinate constipation, when we wear a worried, haggard look; when our skin is sensitive to the touch, and either abnormally dry or profusely covered with sweat; when general catarrhal symptoms manifest themselves and bodily resistance to disease is lowered, we may be suffering from nothing more or less serious than this fallen state of the heavy organs of digestion.

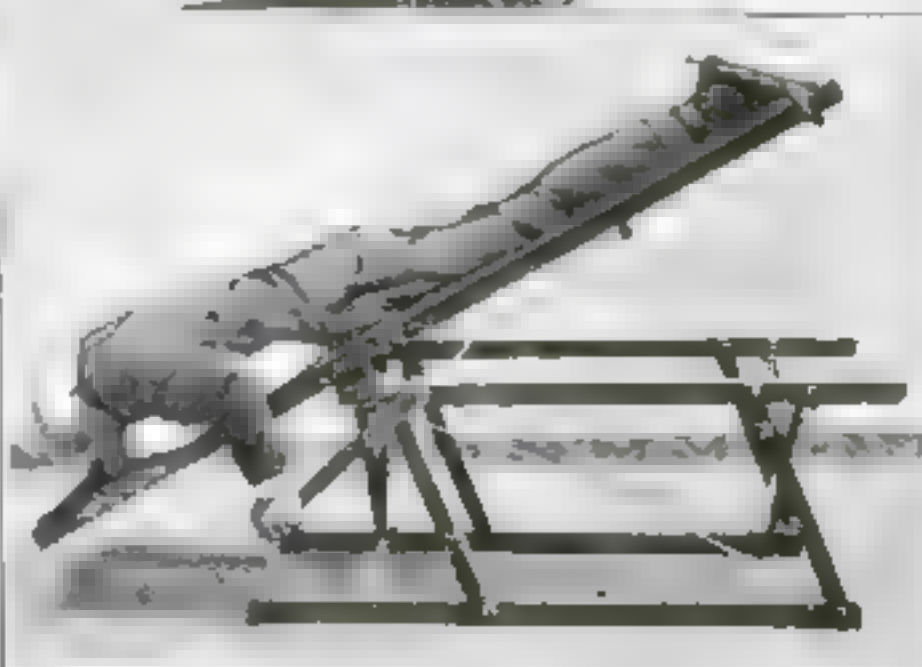
If you will realize these facts, you may take more seriously than the average man

do the various sets of exercises prescribed by physicians and physical culture experts—the phonograph record exercises now popular and the outdoor sports of golfing, swimming, and rowing. In fact, so important is the problem that an osteopathic physician of New York, Dr. William West, has recently invented a mechanical device called the "gravitiser," a gravity couch which, he



A Blood-Stirring Gravity Couch

SUPPLEMENTING the exercises shown at the top of the page, this flexible table or "gravitiser" has been devised by Dr. William West, osteopathic physician of New York City, to relieve ailments traceable to our failure to exercise blood vessels and bodily organs by varying our postures. Lying outstretched, as shown above, the patient's body is inclined head downward for a specified period. This movement the patient himself may control by means of a lever with adjustments providing for 40 different degrees of inclinations.



claims, relieves many ailments that may be traced either directly or indirectly to our failure to exercise blood vessels and organs of the body by varying our postures.

Physicians detect a condition of fallen stomach and abdominal organs by a medical examination in which the positions of the abdominal organs are outlined by tapping the body, or by administering food containing a bismuth compound. In the latter case, X-ray photographs show the shadows of the metallic element in an abdominal cavity. When we suffer a falling of the intestines, the liver, spleen, and kidneys are usually also involved, complicating the situation by becoming sluggish. Thus it is that bowels lose their "tone," slowing up the wormlike motion of the muscles of the intestinal walls that finally pass intestinal debris out of the system, permitting the accumulation of quantities of waste matter in the bowels. This in turn results in the absorption of poisons developed by decomposition of the accumulated matter.

Causes of Falling Organs

A general falling of the organs (called "visceroptosis"), involving the large nerve network, or nerve center, in the abdomen—second in importance only to the brain itself—may produce any one of a wide variety of diseases.

Falling of the stomach and abdominal organs occurs among all civilized peoples. Among its causes are the wearing of corsets, girdles, and other clothing that distorts the body; improper breathing, sedentary habits and lack of exercise, inadequate rest, high heeled shoes, overeating, overdrinking, excessive use of tobacco or other narcotics and stimulants, or plain worry.

In extreme cases of falling of the stomach and abdomen, the bowel, instead of slipping down like a solid structure, collapses upon itself as if it were a wet cloth thrown into tubular form, creating folds, creases, and



A Health Giving Fluid

Showing how the cerebrospinal fluid, possessing mysterious health giving properties, normally bathes the brain and spinal cord. Unless kept in motion, it becomes stagnant and causes disease.

or chronic distress. Even the commonest person may reach a degree of the falling abdomen or stomach. Let some one

stand behind you, raise your abdomen and support it for a few moments. You will experience a feeling of lightness and freedom. This is different from the dragging heavy sensation that follows when the lifting support is removed, and the abdomen is permitted to sag into its usual position.

In addition to the exercises of stooping, twisting, and turning that have been recommended by physical culture experts, an excellent method of strengthening the ab-

dominal muscles, and one that any person can practice easily, is this:

Lie flat on the floor and slowly raise your feet and legs until they form a right angle with your body, then slowly lower them, at first repeating the exercise only ten times, morning and night, gradually increasing the number to thirty, or even forty times.

Here are other simple exercises that will prove helpful:

Walk around the room "on all fours."

At intervals assume the "knee-chest" position—that is, while in a kneeling position on a bed, turn your head to one side and lower your chest to the bed.

Lie with knees flexed and massage your abdominal organs, always taking care to force the organs upward.

Supplementing such exercises as these is the gravity couch, or tiltable table, upon which the patient lies outstretched, and by

means of a lever inclines his body, head downward. It is equipped with adjustments to provide for 40 different degrees of inclinations that progressively increase the influence of gravity on the body, one degree at a time.

The device makes use of the principle that the blood in the human body, since it is enclosed in elastic and nerve-controlled tubes, is not instantly influenced by gravity when the position of the body is reversed, but responds only after the lapse of five seconds. Thus, because the walls of the blood vessels do not release their tension until five seconds after the patient's body is inclined, the device may be used safely within that time, to exercise the blood vessels and bodily organs to the limit of their endurance.

In whatever portion of the body the blood flows, or can be made to flow, by gravity, the natural processes of repair are stimulated; for this flow restores circulation in tissues where blood circulation has been feeble and inactive. Nerve cells that may have been starved or poisoned are fed and stimulated. Blood vessels in remote canals of the bones are reopened. Indeed, every organ of the body is energized by the flow of blood through it. Meanwhile, the

tilting of the body backward swings the stomach and abdominal organs back into their normal positions and tends to maintain them in these positions by strengthening the supporting tissues. It is claimed that the blood vessels of the brain are thus exercised, tending to relieve depression, and restoring mental efficiency.

Finally, the watery fluid that bathes the brain and spinal cord is stirred into activity. Remember that our spinal cord and brain are entirely surrounded by this cerebrospinal fluid. Exercises such as suggested in this article, stimulate the normal activity of this life fluid in the brain and spinal column, thus helping to banish disease, strengthen resistance, and increase our good spirits and efficiency.

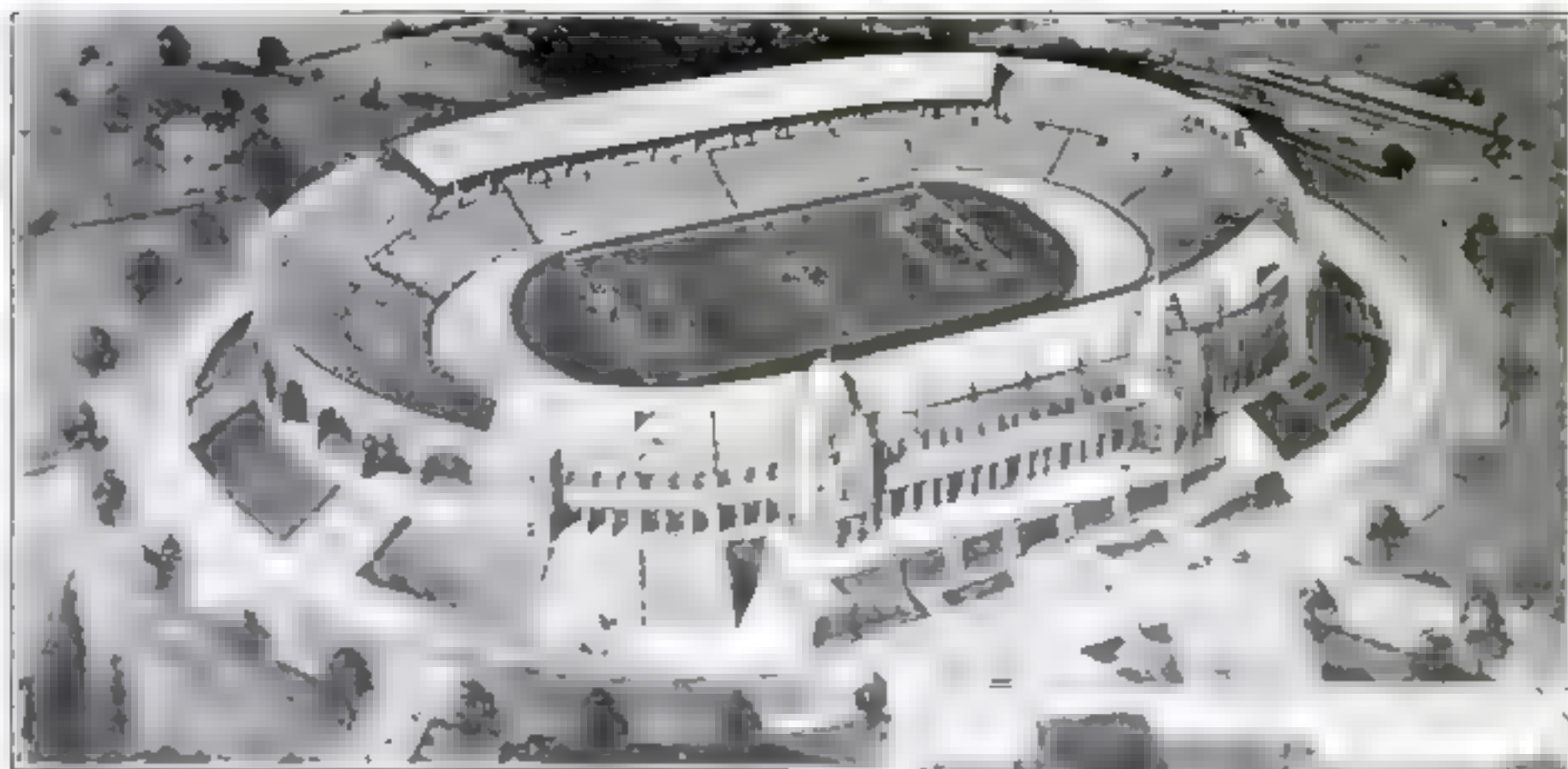


One Result of Erect Posture

THE above X-ray photograph of an extreme case of fallen abdominal organs. When compared with the normal position diagram at right, shows how the large bowel collapses upon itself through lack of proper exercise, creating creases and wrinkles that clog the abdominal passages and often cause acute illness by the accumulation of waste



Mammoth Stadium Will Hold Babe Ruth's Longest



This model is super amphitheater. The Imperial Stadium at Wembley Park, near London, will accommodate 125,000 spectators. All this more than did the ancient Roman Colosseum, shown in detail at the right.

THE Roman Colosseum, which stood for centuries as the greatest amphitheater in the world for the presentation of sport spectacles, is to be dwarfed by two huge modern stadiums, one of which will accommodate three times as many persons while the other will have twice the capacity.

They mark a double climax to the two decades that have passed since dedication of the Harvard Stadium in 1903, and that have witnessed construction of the Yale Bowl, the monster stadium at Ohio State University, and numerous other outdoor theaters for the athletic spectacles of which the American public is so fond.

The greatest arena of modern times will be England's Imperial Stadium now in construction at Wembley Park, near London. It will accommodate 125,000 persons, all of whom will have a clear, unobstructed

view of the field. The new stadium, which will be the largest in the world, now under construction, which will seat 125,000 persons for baseball games, and perhaps 15,000 more for football, fights, or other athletic exhibitions.

The Colosseum, most famous of all structures used for gladiatorial spectacles in the days of Rome's glory, accommodated about 45,000 spectators, according to estimates, although not more than 30,000 were seated.

The new Wembley stadium, which will be the center of all great English national ath-

letic contests, and perhaps the site for the Olympic games, will cover $2\frac{1}{4}$ times as much ground as the Colosseum. The outer wall will be half a mile in circumference.

The American League stadium, seating more spectators than any structure in the world, will cost \$2,000,000. The field alone would hold two of the arenas in which gladiators amused the Roman public in ancient days.



No chance for Babe Ruth to knock a ball "out of the lot" in the new baseball stadium of the New York Yankees, shown above. This is now the greatest of modern amphitheaters, seating 85,000 spectators for baseball games and 100,000 for other athletic contests.

Improved Photo Sculpture Creates Masterpieces

SURPRISING simplifications of the English invention by which a specially taken photograph is reproduced in bas-relief on alabaster, ivory, or wood, have been made since the photo sculpture machine was first described in the October issue of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. By increasing the accuracy of the process, the new improvements have achieved astonishing perfection in detail, as shown in the photo bas-relief on this page.

It will be remembered that in the method described in POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY a beam of light is projected from a magic lantern on a person's face or on a statue to be reproduced, a lined glass plate being used in the lantern in the place of an ordinary slide. This glass plate projects spiral lines, like those of a phonograph record, on the subject to be reproduced. A photograph of the subject is then taken, and on this photograph the spiral lines appear. From the negative, a print is made on opal glass, which is used to guide the carving machine. Deviations of the spiral lines govern the movements of the cutting tool and so reproduce the photograph in bas-relief.

Glass Negative Guides Tool

The improved machine works on a similar principle, except that parallel lines instead of spiral lines are used, while instead of the opal glass print, the glass negative itself can be used to guide the cutting tool.

Mounted on a massive, sloping bed plate, the new sculpturing machine is operated by two electric motors. A horizontal motor drives a sliding frame that carries the carving tool and moves on a horizontal plane over the material to be carved. The other motor, mounted above the cutting tool, rotates it at high speed.

A two-handed control shaft is geared both to the vertical shaft on which the

cutting tool is mounted and to the sliding frame, which carries a pair of microscopes.

After a negative guide plate containing parallel guide lines is made, the sliding frame is swung upward, and the negative plate is clamped to the bed plate, and the material to be carved is also held firmly by clamps. The sliding frame is then lowered and the vertical motor started, causing the drill to rotate at high speed. The horizontal motor then is started and the frame begins to move from left to right. By manipulating the double-handed shaft, the operator brings the intersection of cross hairs in the mi-



The remarkable bas-relief, at left, carved from a photograph by the improved sculpturing machine shown above, gives evidence of the beauty and precision of the new process.



Above is a negative used in carving a sculptured reproduction from a photograph. Parallel lines guide the cutting tool.

croscope over the end of one of the lines on the negative plate and maintains it on that line to the end of the cut.

Since the microscope and drill move in unison, every transverse deviation of the line from the straight results in a deeper or shallower cut of the drill. The operation is repeated on every line.

Making Bronze Bas-Reliefs

At the end of each cut, the drill is raised, the motor reversed, bringing the frame back to position.

For a bronze bas-relief, a plaster cast of the machine carving is made, upon which the metal is electrolytically deposited.

Small Thresher Saves Time for Farmer

A NEW small thresher that sells at a price within easy reach of the small grain farmers, should prove a great time saver, for with it the farmer can follow up the reaper, thresh his grain immediately, load his wagon with the grain, and scatter the straw

about the field to be plowed under as fertilizer.

A tractor draws the thresher about the field and the grain wagon is hitched alongside. Should it be desired to save the straw, the machine can be operated as a stationary engine.



Radioactivity of Bottled Water Is Negligible

NONE of the foreign or domestic commercial bottled water sold to consumers on the claim of radioactive content really contains sufficient radioactivity to warrant its purchase, according to the report of investigations completed by the water and beverage laboratory of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

In the examination of 46 samples from 16 states and eight foreign countries, the bureau found the highest quantity of radioactivity of a temporary nature in a bottled water from Massachusetts.

The largest amount of permanent radioactivity was in a sample from a deep well in Ohio. It was found, however, that it would be necessary to consume 2810 gallons of the Massachusetts water, or 1957 gallons of the Ohio water daily to obtain an efficient dose of radioactive salts.

During the tests radioactivity of samples was determined by means of electroscopes.

Secrets of Successful Auto Driving

How to Shift Gears Noiselessly—Other Useful Tips from an Expert

By Harold F. Blanchard

HOW many automobile drivers are satisfied with the way they shift gears from high to second or from second to low? Do you know how to make the most effective use of the appliances on the dashboard and of the levers at your side? And do you know how to safeguard yourself and your car against the chance of accident—a disturbing chance that continually hovers over the average motorist (whether he is aware of it or not)?

There are a hundred and one little tricks of successful driving that a veteran motorist learns, sometimes by bitter experience; and it is my purpose this month to pass some of these tips along in the hope that they may steer you away from common pitfalls and so increase your enjoyment and safety in driving.

Can You Shift Down?

First, consider the gearshift. Most motorists can slide from low to second and from second to high without a clash and without interrupting the motion of the car; but when it comes to shifting down—that's quite another matter. In fact, it's one of the most difficult problems of successful driving, particularly in hill climbing, and one that comparatively few drivers have mastered. The steeper the hill, the more difficult the problem becomes.

Right here I want to let you into a secret of gear shifting that has worked so successfully for me and for others who have tried it that it is worth passing on. I learned this secret from a motorist whom I met back in the hills of Vermont, and it's so simple, the wonder is that everybody hasn't tumbled to it.

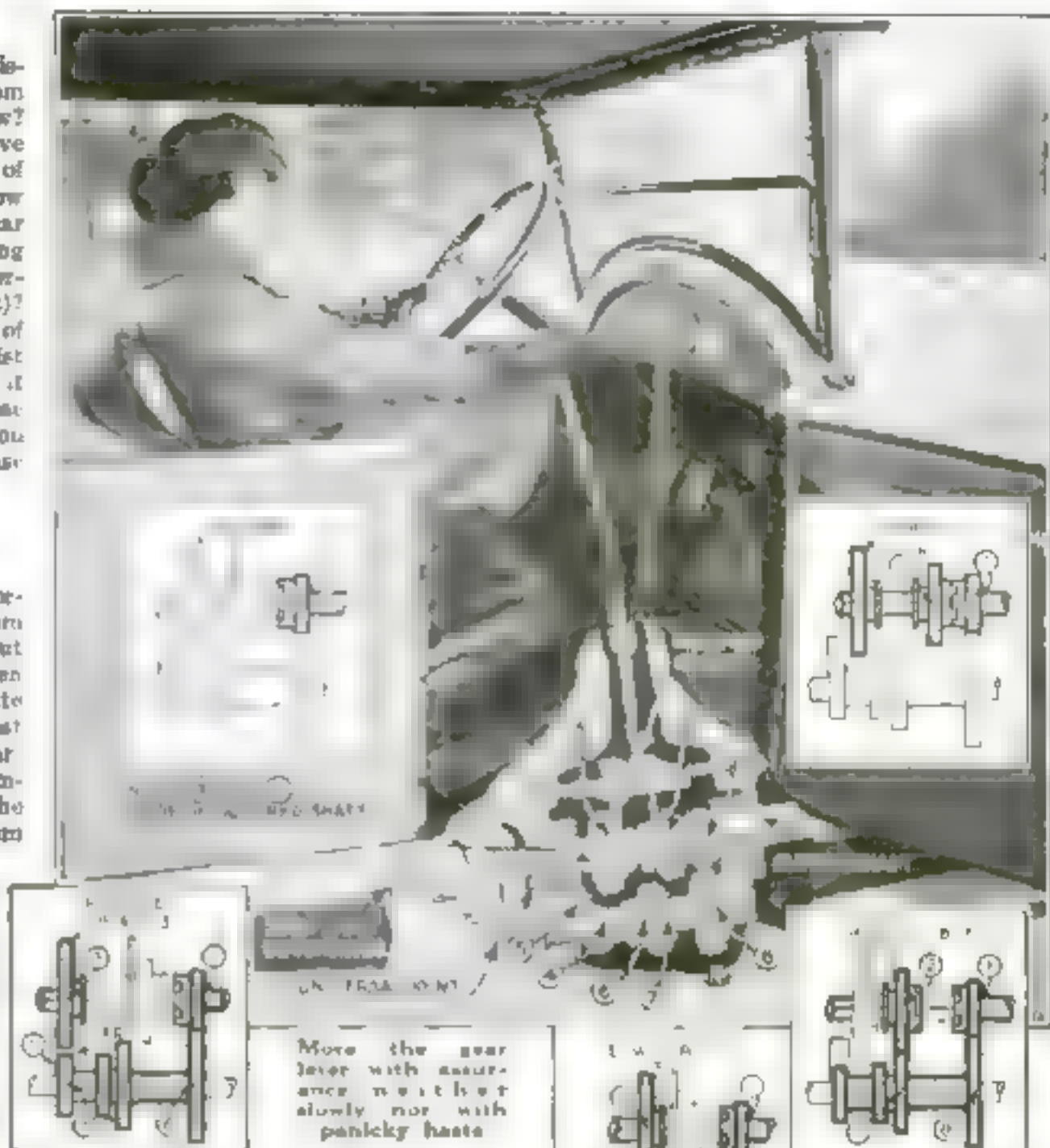
Until I struck some of those grueling Vermont hills, I hadn't given much thought to uphill shifting. Like the majority of motorists, whenever I had to make a shift down, I shut my eyes, gritted my teeth, and yanked the lever. Sometimes I made a lot of noise, which I knew meant that I was chipping little pieces off the gear teeth; and often I lost considerable momentum. But on those terrific back road hills it was a question of quick and sure shifting, or the risk of breaking your neck. In short order I learned how to shift quickly, but I was still noisy about it, until I was taught the simple trick, which is this:

Speed the Engine—then Shift

Suppose you're climbing a hill that is a little too steep for high gear. When you are about halfway up, you realize you must shift to second. The throttle is wide open. You know, in general, that to make a silent shift from high to second, from second to low, or from high to low, you must increase the speed of the engine approximately to the rate demanded by the lower gear. But how? Here's the answer.

Hold the throttle wide open and depress the clutch just enough to allow the engine to speed up the desired amount—THEN SHIFT.

You can perform the entire operation in almost the time it takes to snap your fingers. You can't go wrong, and if you judge your engine speed with even fair accuracy, your shift will be absolutely silent. The clutch is out for such a brief instant that the loss of momentum is negligible. I have shifted from second to low by this



Here's What Happens When You Shift Gears

THE picture and diagrams above illustrate what goes on inside the transmission when you move the gear lever for the various gearshifts. The main numbered diagram shows the entire transmission gear mechanism as assembled in the ordinary car while the small diagrams, numbered correspondingly, show the gear positions for various shifts.

Gear 1 is connected with the rear end of the clutch shaft and always rotates with it. Gears 2 and 3 are mounted on the main shaft, which is connected through a universal with the drive shaft. Gears 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are mounted immovably on the countershaft and always rotate with gear 1, while gear 3 is mounted on its own little shaft and is always in mesh with 6. Gears 2 and 5 are the "sliding gears" that are moved by the gear lever. They slide on the

drive shaft, which is square or splined. Splines are simply keys integral with the shaft.

For high gear, 8 is moved forward and engages gear number 1. Thus the clutch shaft and the drive shaft rotate as one, and "direct drive" is obtained.

For second gear, 6 is moved back into mesh with 7 and the power passes through gears 1, 6, 7, and 2.

For low gear, 3 is moved forward to mesh with 6, and the power passes through gears 1, 3, 6, and 5.

For reverse, 3 is moved into mesh with 6, and the power passes through 1, 3, 4, 5, and 2.

method on a 30 per cent grade without noise and with no noticeable loss of speed.

If a down shift must be made on a slight up grade, down grade, or level, you need not open the throttle wide. A good rule is to hold the throttle pedal just where you have had it. In shifting from high to low, remember that the engine must be sped up much more than if you were shifting from second to low. Also remember that while 20 miles an hour is a moderate speed on high, it is a terrific speed on low. It is

entirely safe to shift from high to low at from 15 to 20 miles an hour, provided you speed the engine up enough. In any case, too much engine speed is better than too little.

I've observed that many drivers, when shifting upward, are puzzled as to what to do when they wait too long, missing the gear. After trying to effect an engagement by clashing, they stop the car and start over again. There is an easier method. If you're shifting from second to high, for

example, and miss high, immediately slip the lever to neutral, engage the clutch, and speed the engine up to a point somewhat beyond that demanded by high gear; then shift as if nothing had happened. Logical, isn't it?

Similarly, if you've been coasting down a long hill with shift lever in neutral and engine idling, when you get to the bottom, speed the engine up above the high gear rate before shifting. Unless you do this, you may have trouble engaging the gears.

If you coast down a hill with lever in neutral and engine shut off, there is no way of getting back into gear so that the momentum of the car may be used to start the engine. The engine must be brought into motion with the electric starter.

When Engine Is Shut Off

If you wish to coast with engine shut off and yet do not wish to use the starter, be sure to leave high gear engaged, coasting by holding out the clutch. At the bottom of the hill engage the clutch gently, with the switch on and the throttle closed so as not to strain the mechanism.

In using the engine as a brake, it makes little difference whether the switch is on or off, but if you run with it off, be sure to keep the throttle closed, not only to save fuel, but also to avoid muffler explosions when the switch is turned on.

When driving down a long hill use second gear in order to keep your brake linings from burning. This advice applies to all cars with service and emergency brakes acting on the same drums. If the brakes are on different drums, it will probably be sufficient to use the brakes alternately for about an eighth of a mile at a time. On the Ford, use the service brake and reverse pedal alternately.

Mud a Cause for Worry

Don't attempt to drive on snowy or icy roads without chains applied to the rear wheels. Look out for slippery, muddy hills in traversing unknown side roads in mountainous country.

When driving on unknown roads, mud is really the only thing to worry about. Sand or stones or severe bumps all may be negotiated successfully, even though some time may be lost; but it takes more than slow driving to combat deep mud. Chains will be required on the front wheels for steering, as well as on the rear wheels for traction. If no chains are available, remember that any farmer can supply you with hemp rope from three quarters to one inch in diameter, which will serve the purpose.

In the deepest mud even chains and rope are useless, but a special device, known as

a "mud hook," is made just for the purpose. It is of metal, with a broad base that is chained to the tread of the tire. Mounted crosswise on the base is a metal cleat two inches high. With two of these hooks on each rear wheel, your car can walk out of almost anything.

To get through a short stretch of deep mud, or even a single deep puddle, just "keep going," using second or low, as

race driver, and some of the most dangerous rides have been with motorists who thought they were being "careful." I believe there is no such thing as an unavoidable accident. True, there are plenty of accidents in which two cars are involved in which one driver is absolutely innocent; but never have I found a case where both drivers really did everything in their power to avoid an accident. Doesn't the appalling

increase in automobile accidents emphasize the need of education for the driver?

Let's consider a few instances where accidents might have been avoided easily.

"A" swings around a corner at a fair rate of speed while a pedestrian walks into his path. Instead of slowing down, "A" presses the horn button to shoo the man out of the way, but the horn fails him.

Local Rights of Way

"B" approaches a road intersection at a fair rate of speed. He has the lawful right of way. But at the same moment another car, piloted by a stranger who doesn't know the local law, approaches on a side road. "B" stands on his rights and there is a collision.

"C" drives 15 miles an hour—the lawful speed—down a street crowded with playing children. One of them gets in his way. He tries to stop but it is too late. Ten miles an hour would have prevented the accident.

"D" is running 40 miles an hour when his right front tire blows out. The steering wheel is jerked from his grasp and the car turns over. A tight hand on the wheel would have prevented the accident.

Horn Prevents Disaster

"E" is driving at a moderate pace along a country road. He dims his lights for an approaching car and then runs over a man walking at the side of the road. Blowing his horn at the moment would have prevented the calamity.

It must be admitted that better brakes might prevent a large percentage of accidents. The braking equipment on most cars is sadly deficient. But it is difficult to imagine an accident that might not have been avoided by exercise of caution.

The trouble is that most motorists drive with little or no "factor of safety." If this term is new to you, I might explain by saying that an elevator cable is usually made 10 times as strong as the calculated maximum stress; thus the factor of safety is 10. In machines where life is not endangered by possible breakage, it is usual to allow a factor of safety of five. The factor of safety is a necessary precaution to allow

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At the Wheel—What to Do and How to Do It



Choke	Don't forget to push the choke in after the engine has started otherwise the engine will suck in raw gasoline that will prevent proper lubrication.
Light Switch	Be sure to turn lights off when you put the car away. Never leave headlights on when the car is standing, but have at least one light burning front and rear to prevent collision.
Ignition Switch	When you attempt to start the engine, be sure to turn the switch on all the way.
Ammeter	Form the habit of watching the ammeter measuring the current from the battery. When it fails to work, find out why as soon as possible and avoid battery trouble.
Oil Gage	Watch the oil pressure gage. Operating the engine when the gage fails to register will usually result in burned out bearings.
Speedometer	Be sure that your speedometer is accurate. At least twice a year ask some motorcycle officer to pace you for a hundred feet or so.
Gear Lever	Before starting the engine, always be sure the gear lever is in neutral.
Emergency Brake	After the car is under way, try the emergency brake to see that it is off and so avoid burning out brake lining.
Spark	Drive with spark fully advanced, retarding it only to prevent knocking when the throttle is opened wide with engine running slowly. Retard spark half way when cranking.
Throttle	Open the throttle from one eighth to one quarter for starting.
Horn	Never "drive with your horn." Don't depend on it. It may fail you when you need it most.
Radiator Thermometer	When the thermometer indicates an overheated engine, get out and see what's wrong.

required. If the car stops, don't spin the wheels, or you are likely to get mired to the hubs. Back out of the mud gently but firmly. Then take stock of the situation. Detour if you can; put on chains, ropes, or mud hooks if necessary; inspect the road for an easier path; and, finally, if you must follow your original tracks, do so with all the speed you dare. If you stop again, back up and buck it again, and so on.

The safest ride I ever enjoyed was with a

Novel Auto Accessories for Safety and Comfort



The disk on this gasoline filling tank for fitting the nozzle has an automatic valve that opens when resting on radiator pipe



Because this windshield, against which a motorcycle rider was hurled, was of a new type of non-splintering glass, the occupants were uninjured



A new y-terious spring tipped pressure tank cover cannot be lost and prevents a leak and is against explosion by a strong support generated by excessive heat



A new leather spring cover contains an oil hole equipped with dustproof spring cap, and provides efficient lubrication



New priming pump, mounted on four special head bolts and installed in an hour, facilitate starting of Ford's



This instrument supplies headlight focusing by projecting the rays on a ground glass screen

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for flaws, lack of uniformity in the strength of material, unexpected stresses, wear, and rust.

But most motorists drive as their whim dictates. They fail to make allowances for lack of experience, lack of alertness, unfamiliarity with the roads, recklessness of other drivers, faulty brakes, or unexpected developments. As long as conditions remain ideally favorable, they skim through, but sooner or later they run into trouble.

It is advisable to be twice as careful as you think you ought to be, simply because it is impossible for any human being to be fully alert every instant that he is behind the wheel. No matter how good a mind he has, it will wander. Hence the constant need for alertness as a factor of safety in driving.

To maintain a proper factor of safety at all times, we must view our driving pessimistically. When on the road we see a smashed car and its victims, we are kidding ourselves if we say, "That will never

Know Your Car



The Vacuum Tank

THE function of the vacuum tank is to draw fuel from the gasoline tank and deliver it to the carburetor, utilizing suction from the intake manifold. The tank includes two chambers, a float and valves. In the upper chamber are intake pipes connecting with gasoline tank and intake manifold, while an outlet pipe in the lower chamber runs to the carburetor.

When the float is at the bottom of the upper chamber, as in diagram, the valves controlling the gasoline pipe and suction pipe are open, and the upper chamber fills with fuel. Thereupon the float rises, closing these two valves and opening an air vent. The fuel then flows through a one-way flapper valve to the lower chamber, thence to the carburetor.

As the upper chamber is emptied, the float drops and the cycle is repeated.

happen to me." We should never think of taking a chance if we thought that we might suffer for it the very next instant. The attitude that we can take a chance once in a while and get by with it is wrong. Just as wrong as that of the motorist who believes in his luck. We can't monkey with the law of averages and get away with it. The more chances we take, the surer we are of having an accident. The only way to be safe is to drive always with an extra dose of caution.

I've found that it takes imagination, experience, and unending alertness to drive safely mile after mile. In order to drive safely, we must learn to recognize crises of all sorts far enough in advance to take whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

New drivers will do well to be especially cautious until the trio—imagination, experience, and alertness—are fully developed. Finally, here is a mighty good rule to follow.

Never outdrive your headlights or your brakes.



A vast web of suspended airways hung from cables high above the tops of city skyscrapers, is proposed to carry rapid transit railways on two levels

Entrances would be by elevators running through towers

Proposes Suspended Railways to Bridge Cities!

CONFRONTED with traffic problems that seem beyond solution under present conditions, faced with ever increasing streams of automobiles, and impressed with the need for adequate rapid transit, authorities of greater American cities, especially New York, are desperately trying to find some way to meet the situation.

How will these critical problems of transportation be met eventually—on the surface of our streets, underground, or above us?

An Expert's Prophecy

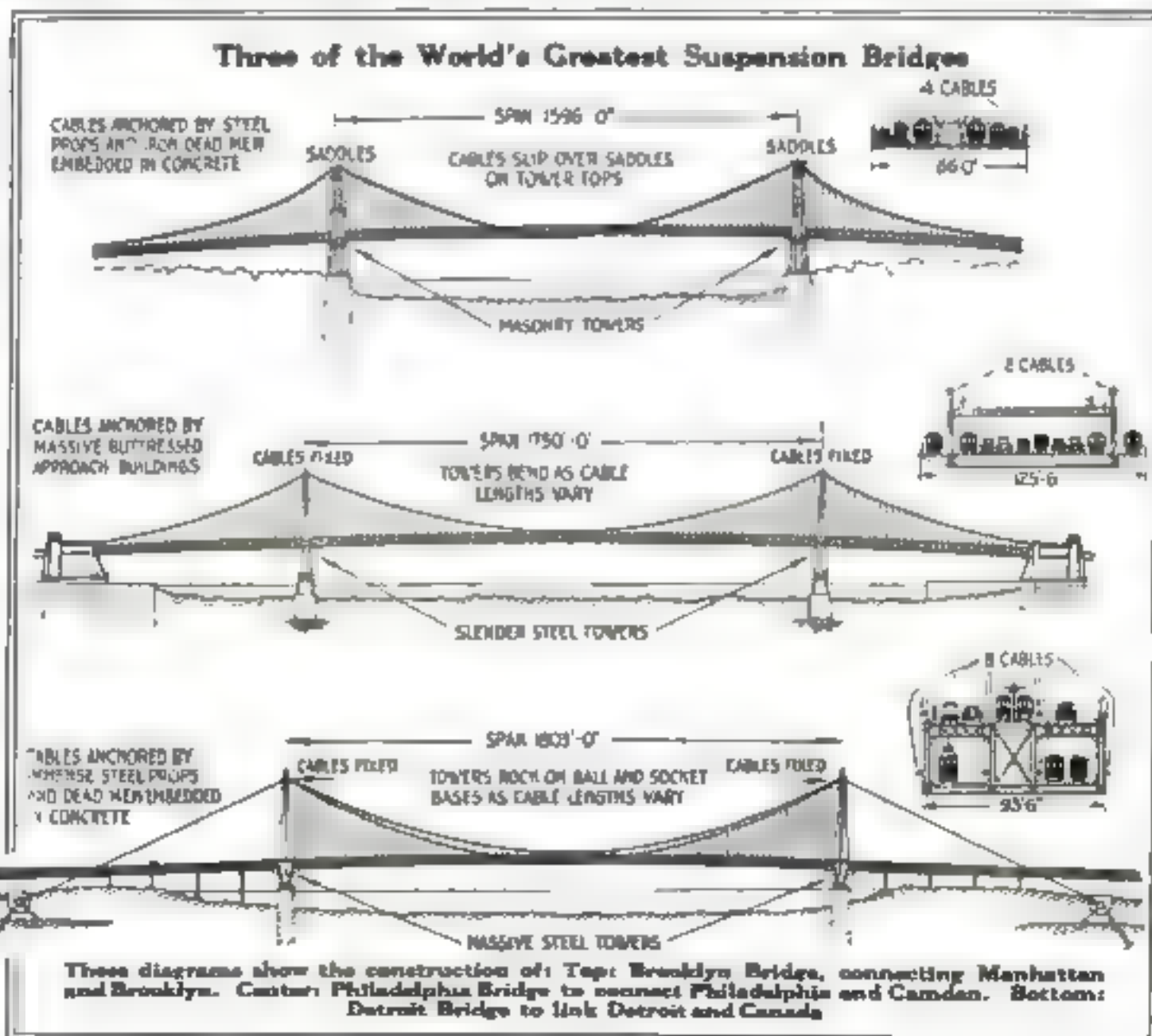
Gustav Lindenthal, designer of the world's greatest railroad arch bridge and of the colossal suspension bridge that will span the Hudson River, declares, in a signed article on the opposite page, that the century in which we live will be the final chapter in the greatest era of iron bridge construction in history.

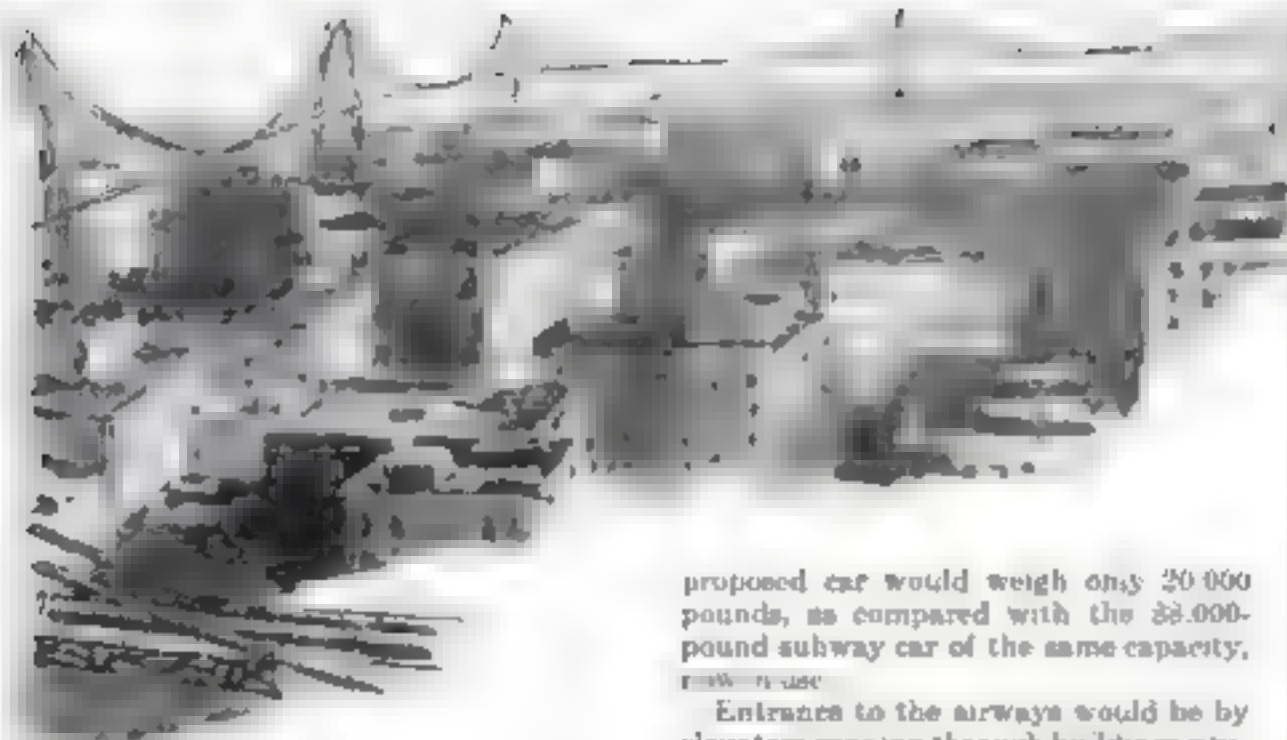
Is it possible that the last word in suspension-cable steel bridges will be a vast network of hanging airways, carrying trains of an aerial rapid transit system high over skyscraper roofs out to the commuters' suburbs?

Just such a system of aerial transit actually has been projected by R. C. Lafferty, New York engineer, and is now being considered by the New York Transit Commission to supplant, to some extent, the subways and elevated struc-

tures now in use. Lafferty includes in his plan a motor speedway at a much lower level, under the airway—a plan that is directly in line with that proposed by

Richard Enright, New York police commissioner, in the hope of relieving the terrific congestion of automobile traffic in America's greatest city.





'The trouble with most of our large cities is that they have failed to look ahead,' says Commissioner Enright. 'In 1920 we had 60 per cent more automobiles than in 1916. The estimated increase in automobile traffic this year is between 30 and 38 per cent. In 1919, for instance, 39,210 automobiles passed through Columbus Circle, New York City, within a 12-hour period. Today that number has grown to about 70,000.'

'We are doubling the number of automobiles, by conservative estimate, every three years. And, with Henry Ford cutting the price of his automobiles and men like W. C. Durant predicting the day of still cheaper automobiles, it is likely the increase will go on at an even greater rate.'

'Traffic congestion affects every one in America, not only in discomforts and difficulties he encounters in his own city, but in increased cost of living. Congestion at the waterfront in New York adds to the price of every article that passes through the channel of that waterfront.'

Commissioner Enright's Proposal

Enright has proposed long viaducts, stretching half the length of Manhattan Island on both sides, with ramps leading to side streets at long intervals, to take care of auto traffic and relieve congestion. But even he admits that this does not take care of increasing pedestrian traffic nor provide for adequate rapid transit.

Lafferty's plan makes possible the installation not only of Enright's proposed viaducts, but also of airways for rapid transit. He would eliminate the present unsightly elevated structures of New York, Chicago, Boston, and Philadelphia.

As supports for his proposed airway, Lafferty proposes to use strong steel braced pylons, or abutments, set into bed rock at distant intervals. Strong suspension cables swung between these pylons would support the roadbed. He provides for four tracks, two on an upper deck, on which would run long cylindrical steel cars. He would eliminate excessive wear and tear on cars by having them run on monorails, one rail above the car and the other below it. The car would be supported on the lower monorail by a large bearing wheel at each end, and would be driven by small horizontal power wheels forced by compressed air to grip the track from each side. The car would be held upright by means of, idler wheels running on the upper tracks.

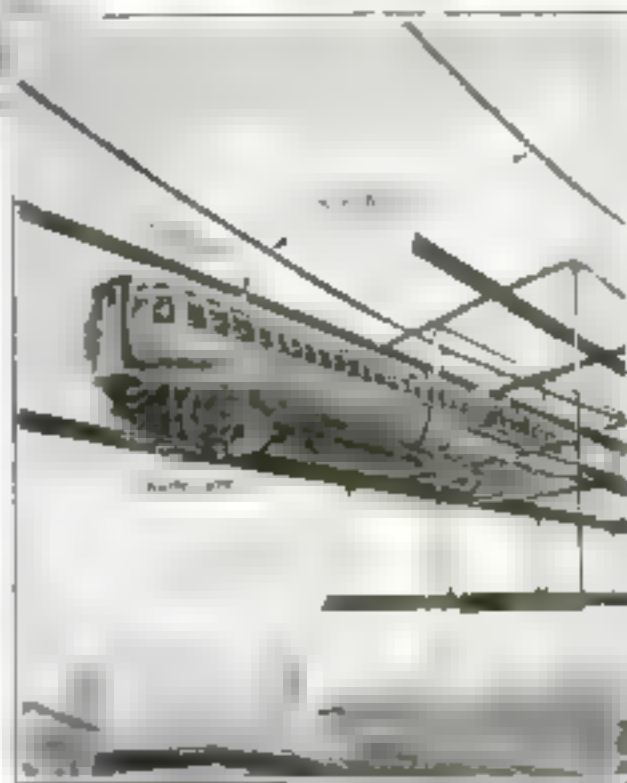
Since it would be unnecessary to depend on weight for traction, Lafferty's

proposed car would weigh only 20,000 pounds, as compared with the 33,000-pound subway car of the same capacity.

From the New York Times

Entrance to the airways would be by elevators running through buildings situated at street corners, where pylons supporting the suspension bridges would be placed. This feature, of course, would eliminate the present ugly stairways to elevated roads as well as the kiosks for subways.

Below is shown the proposed method by which long, cylindrical cars would run on monorails of an aerial railway. Traveling on single wheels, the car would be propelled by smaller power wheels gripping the lower rail.



Close of Greatest Iron Bridge Era Is Near

By Gustav Lindenthal, Designer of the Hudson River Bridge

WITH this century will pass the age of iron suspension bridges. We are about to reach the furthest advance in the art of bridge building we shall ever know. Indeed, the Hudson River Bridge project, most stupendous structure ever proposed, may mark the ultimate in bridges.

Although the twentieth century will go down in history as the great era of steel bridge building, there is little doubt that the year 2000 will see the end of these projects. By that time iron will have become too costly, because of the diminishing supply of iron ore.

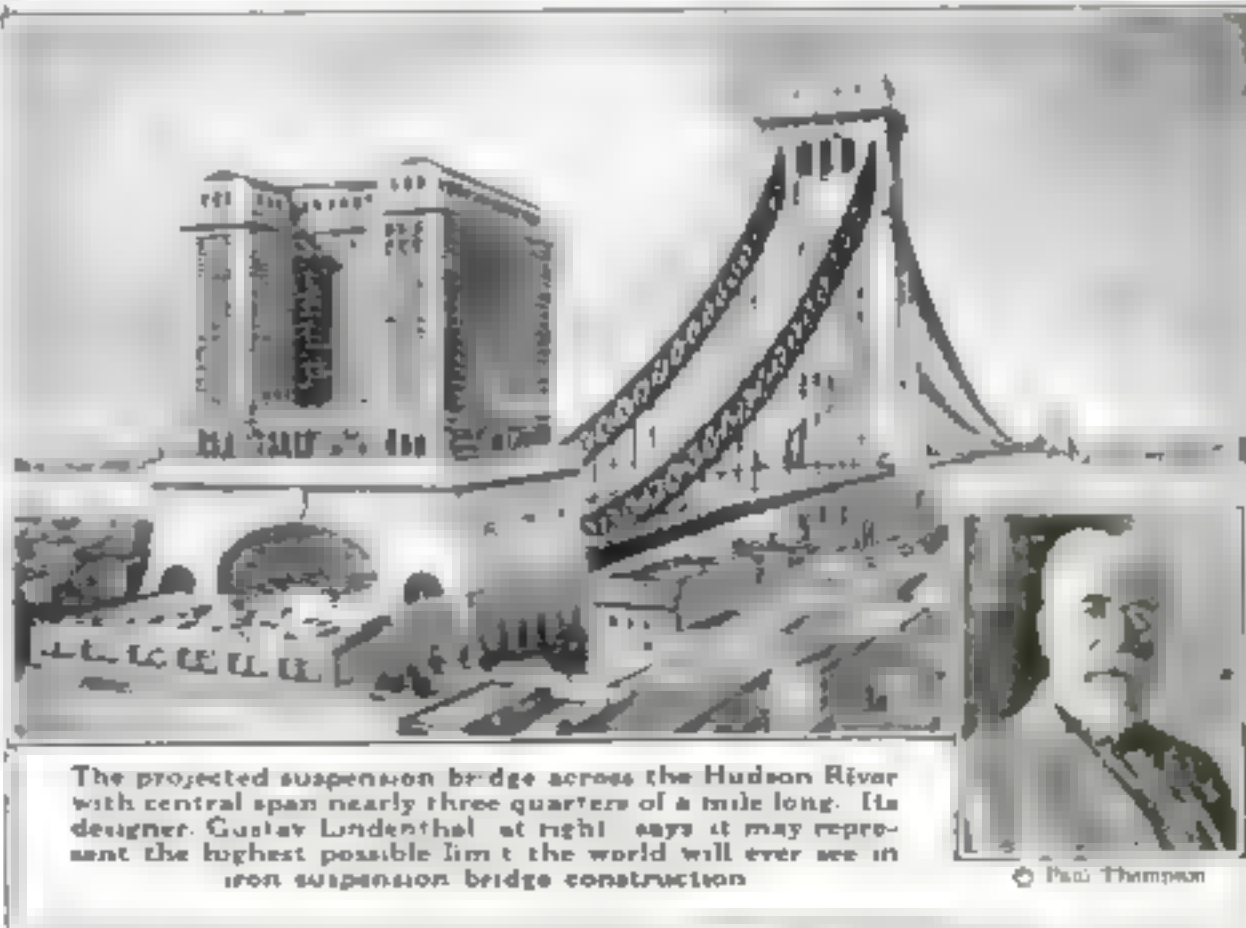
We can look back to the time when a suit of armor was almost worth its weight in gold or silver. We cannot see far enough ahead to predict that iron will again become such a costly product, but we do know that it will cost too much to

be used in great quantities for bridge building.

Only a century ago the age of iron bridges began. From the early simple bridges of iron were developed the greatest structures of the present—the Brooklyn and Williamsburg suspension bridges, the Firth of Forth cantilever bridge, and the Hellgate bridge, the greatest railroad arch structure the world has ever known. Railroads today are building the finest bridges.

Within the past 10 years the price of steel has almost doubled. The available supply of iron in the world is slowly but surely decreasing.

There may be improvements in the uses of newer materials for some parts of bridges, but in the main it is safe to assert that we are about to say the last word in iron bridge building.



The projected suspension bridge across the Hudson River with central span nearly three quarters of a mile long. Its designer, Gustav Lindenthal, at right, says it may represent the highest possible limit the world will ever see in iron suspension bridge construction.

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Stepladder Folds into Small Space

A NEW collapsible, rigid stepladder is a valuable addition to household accessories.

The ladder has a skeleton frame of wood fastened together with nickel-plated steel catches. Each step is of two pieces hinged in the center and, when in use, is supported at the center by steel braces. The top step is protected by guards. The ladder folds into 2½ by 7½ by 52 inches.



This rigid stepladder, when folded, can be hung on the back of a door as shown below.

British Learn French by Radio from Paris

MANY persons in London and vicinity are learning to speak and understand the French language as the result of the broadcasting of music and speeches from the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Thousands of British citizens listen in.

Most of the London department stores are selling a cheap standard receiving set from which good results are obtained. Hearing the spoken French over the radio and supplementing this with textbook study, makes it much easier for students to understand and speak the language.

Electrical Sealing Device Eliminates Fire Hazard

THE recent invention of an electric sealing machine marks the first important improvement in methods of applying sealing wax since King Solomon's time. The new appliance eliminates the fire hazard that accompanies the present crude method of heating the wax over a flame, as well as effecting an appreciable saving of time, wax, and postage.

The wax is placed in a container, where it is melted by means of an electric heater. Placing the machine over the spot where the seal is to be, and pressing a small lever releases a small amount of sealing wax. Pressure on the seal handle brings the seal down on the melted wax, completing the operation.

The New York concern that manufactures it claims that the new sealing machine effects a saving of 50 per cent in wax, 50 per cent in time and 20 per cent in postage. The additional expense of the electricity consumed is comparatively small—one half a cent an hour for continuous operation.

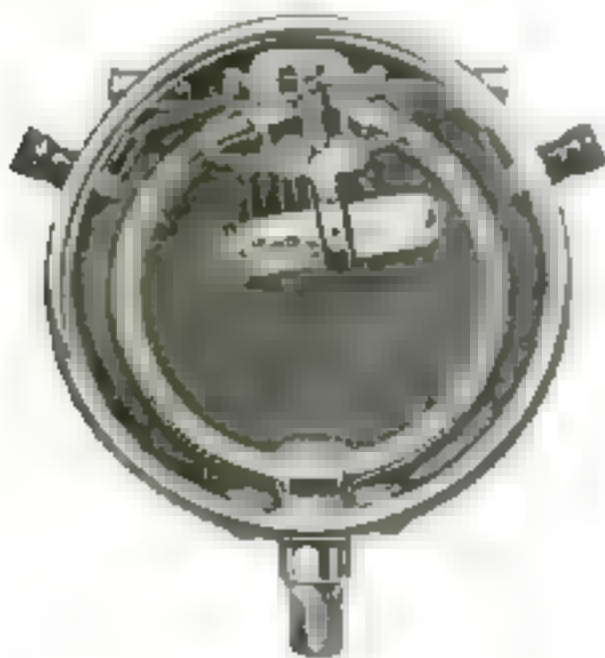


Electrical sealer, showing wax heating pot.

Writing on "Everlasting" Pad Disappears

AN "EVERLASTING" tablet for memoranda, recently invented, consists of a rectangular sheet of metal, with edges bent over to form a frame, and coated on the upper side with a black composition of waxlike consistency. Over the black coating is a sheet of very tough tracing paper, held in place by a metal strap across the top.

Memoranda are written on the tracing paper with glass pointed stylus. As long as the thin paper remains pressed against the black coating the letters formed by the impressions of the stylus are visible, but when the paper is lifted away, the writing permanently disappears.



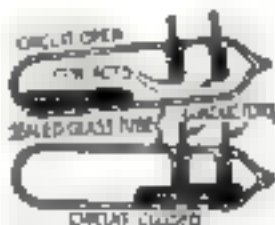
Mercury Circuit Breaker Controls Pressures

A GLOBULE of mercury inside a glass bulb filled with an inert gas is being used to control pressures by making and breaking electric circuits. The tube is usually attached to one arm of a Bourdon tube. When the pressure increases, the tube tends to straighten out and the action shifts the mercury from one side of the control tube to the other.

One or more electrical contacts located within the tube dip into the mercury when the liquid is in certain positions. As the mercury slides back and forth in agreement with the movement of the Bourdon tube, the electric circuits are made and broken.

The tubes have been made for pressure differences of .2 of an ounce, and will handle electric currents of 10 amperes at 110 volts.

Because of the inert gas that instantly kills any tendency of the mercury to arc, the little tubes are said to have a long life.



How mercury opens and closes circuit.

Handleless Camping Utensils Save Space

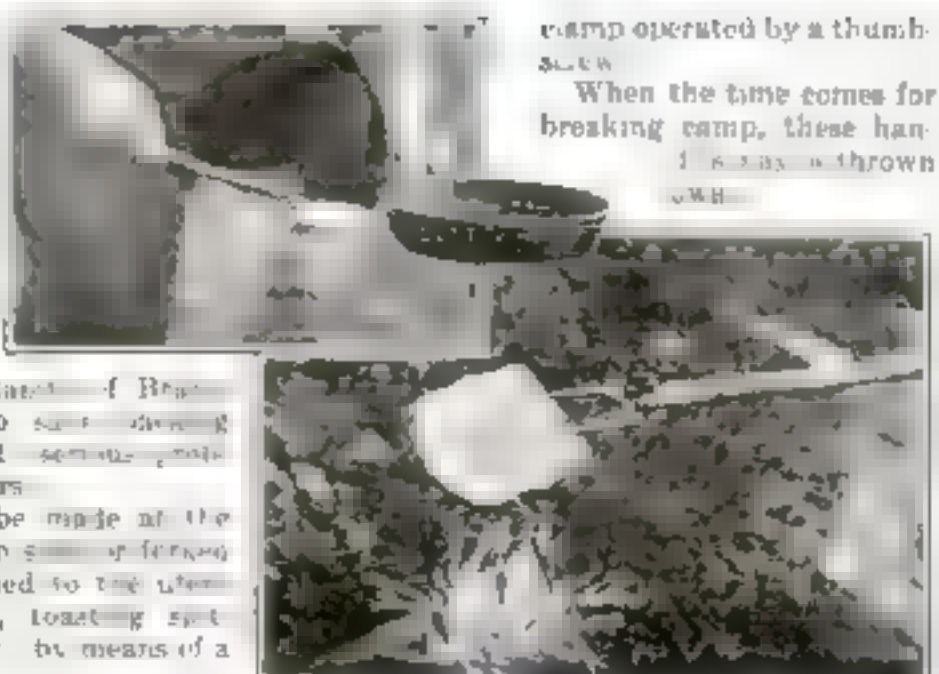
HANDLELESS camping utensils, which can be attached with a thumb-clamp to improvised handles, have been invented recently by a Canadian.

William J. Feldknecht of Richmond, Ontario, to save space and weight, has designed utensils for all campers.

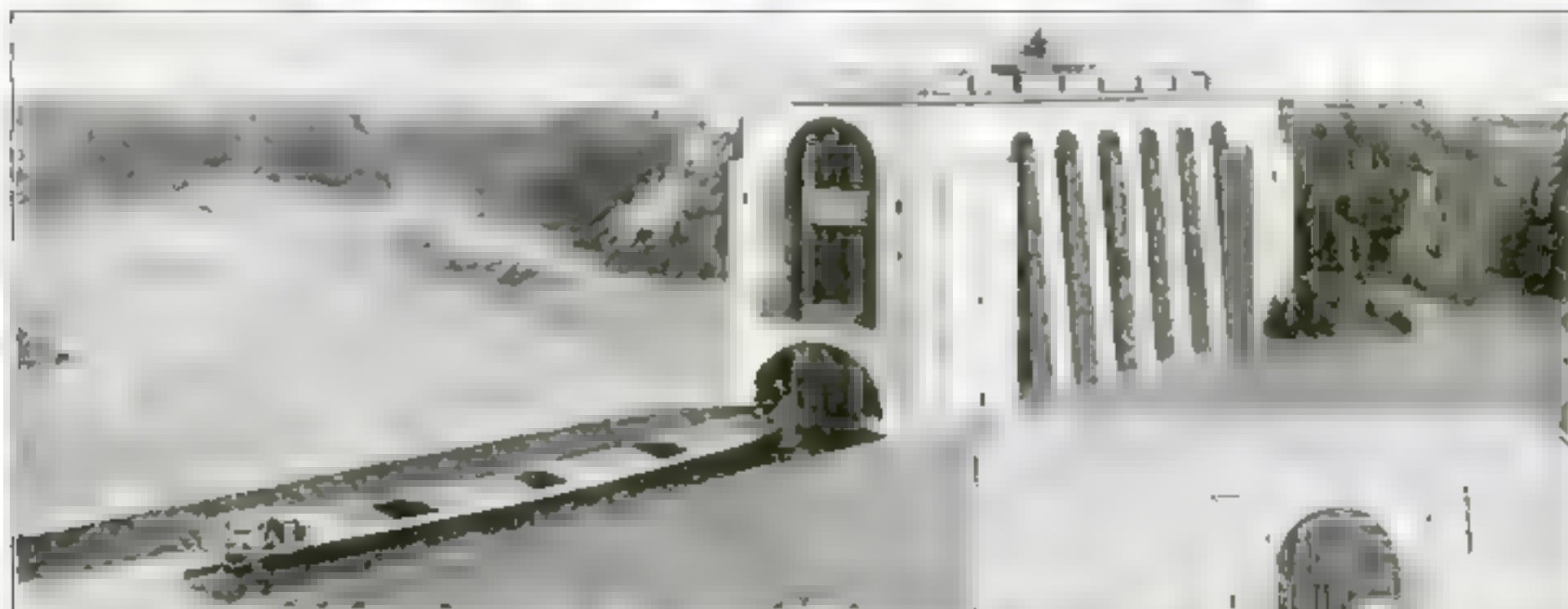
Handles may be made at the camping site from sapling sticks and attached to the utensils—fork, spoon, toasting spatula or pancake turner—by means of a

clamp operated by a thumb-screw.

When the time comes for breaking camp, these handleless utensils can be thrown away.



Elevator Locks to Lift Barges over Dry Plateau



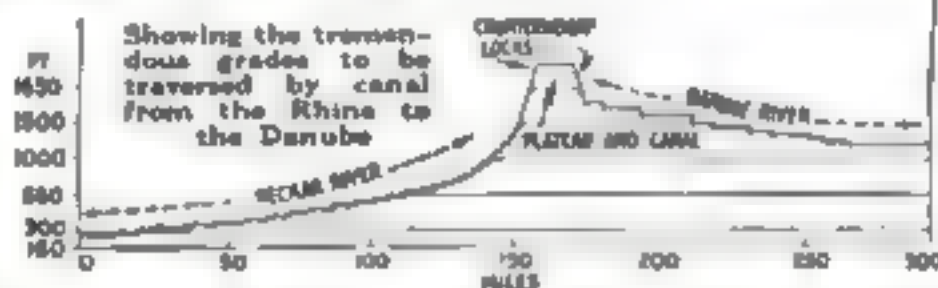
To carry boats through the proposed canal between the Rhine and Danube see map; 26 massive counterweight lift locks like that shown above would be required

DESPITE unideal industrial conditions, engineers in Central Europe are planning the construction of what will be one of the world's most important artificial waterways—a water route from the North Sea to the Black Sea, extending 2100 miles across the European continent, and linking the Rhine and Danube rivers in Germany. Tremendous engineering problems are involved, for such a canal would have to traverse the Alb plateau lying between the upper Danube and the Rhine, at a height of 1830 feet, in a region where water is scarce.

The scheme involves the canalizing of the Neckar River, a tributary of the Rhine, up to Plochingen, Württemberg—a point 85 miles distant from Ulm on the Danube—and an extension of navigation up the Danube to Ulm. Between these two points the canal would have to be carried over high plateaus by systems of locks.

The absence of an adequate water supply for the operation of locks involves the most serious problem, which engineers propose to solve by using immense mechanical lifts.

Twenty-nine of these lifts will be required since the plateau rises nearly 1500 feet above the Rhine end of the waterway at Mannheim and 300 feet above the Danube end at Ulm. The proposed counterweighted lift lock is a massive structure of concrete and steel, capable of lifting 1200-ton boats



Showing the tremendous grades to be traversed by canal from the Rhine to the Danube

86 feet. The elevator consists of a trough filled with water in which the boat floats. This trough is suspended from the structure by wire cables that pass over drums at the top and are attached to counterweights. Electric motors, operating endless link chains, supply the power.

To elevate a ship the trough is brought to the lower level; then a safety mechanism opens the lower gate. The boat is drawn into the lock by means of a cable operated from within the lock and when in position



Entering the lock, the boat floats in a water-filled trough suspended on cables that pass over drums at the top of the lock. The elevator trough is lifted by counterweights and electric motors

the lower gate is closed, imprisoning the boat and sufficient amount of water to float it.

Power is then transmitted to the endless chain for the lifting. The counterweights are sufficient to balance the trough and its load so that just enough power is required to overcome friction in the operating parts.

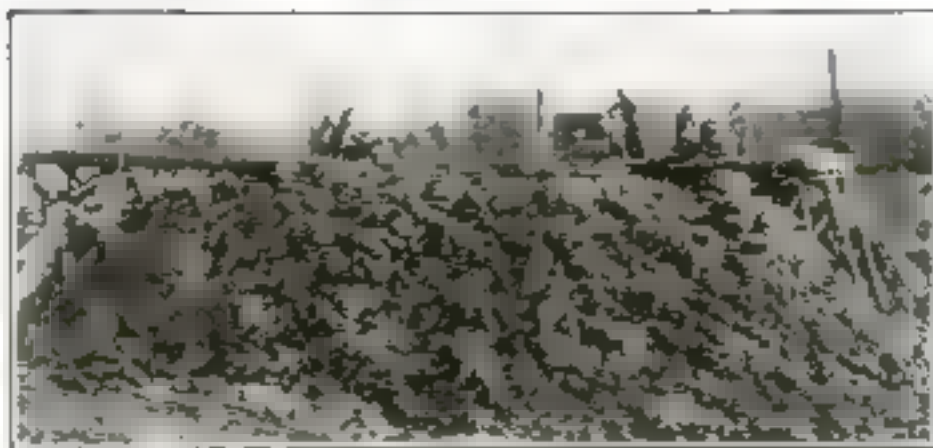
When the trough has reached the upper level, the safety mechanism again allows the upper gate to be opened and the boat is free to continue its journey. Thus the water is conserved in the upper reaches and there is no danger of the canal running dry.

It is estimated that 50 ships could pass through the canal daily. This canal would be as important as the Suez and Panama canals, for it would provide a short and cheap route from the North Sea to the Mediterranean and the East.

Fortune for Inventor Who Saves Mountains of Grape Pulp

FORTUNE awaits the man who discovers a profitable method of converting into saleable jellies, cream of tartar, oils, and extracts the enormous quantities of grape skins and pulp wasted each year by grape juice factories.

Reports of the Department of Agriculture show that the average quantity of grapes crushed yearly for beverage purposes in the five years ending in 1918 was 22,000 tons. Of this



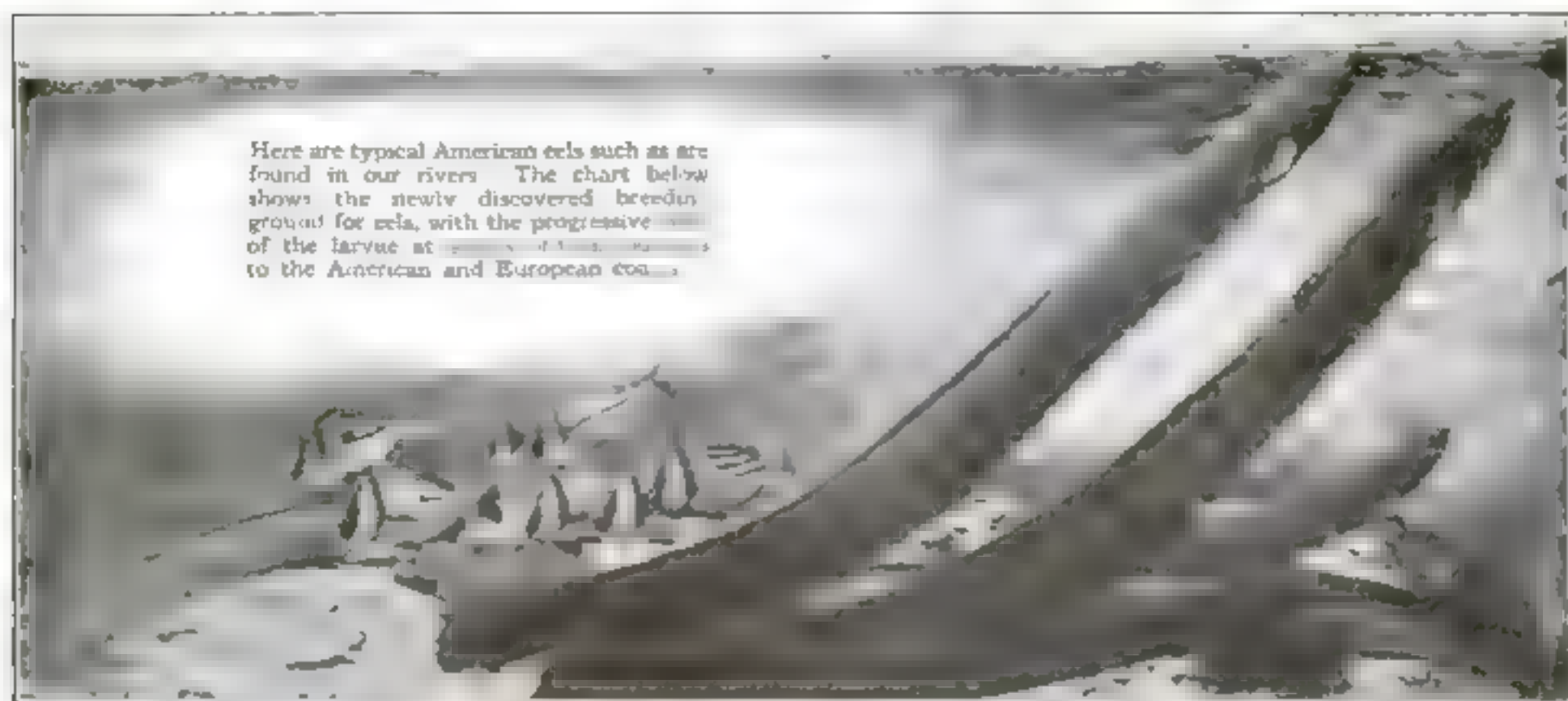
More than 4000 tons of valuable grape pulp is wasted each year at grape juice factories in piles like this

amount 660 tons was discarded as stems and 4400 tons as wet pulp.

From the stems it would have been possible to obtain 13.2 tons of cream of tartar. The seeds in the pulp would have yielded 89.3 tons of oil and 526.7 tons of oilcake. Even the hulls would have added their share in the form of nearly 50 tons of tannin extract.

Experts estimate that 3300 tons of wet grape skins goes to waste annually

Mysterious Birthplace of Eels at Last Discovered



Here are typical American eels such as are found in our rivers. The chart below shows the newly discovered breeding ground for eels, with the progressive stages of the larvae at different points to the American and European coasts.

"WHERE do eels come from?"

This apparently simple question has for many years excited the curiosity of scientists. Strange to say, the eels familiar to us in aquariums and museums have been a complete mystery to naturalists. Nobody has been able to find baby eels. Nobody knew where they were born. The grown eels appeared mysteriously along the coasts of Europe and America, and disappeared just as queerly. Where did they come from?

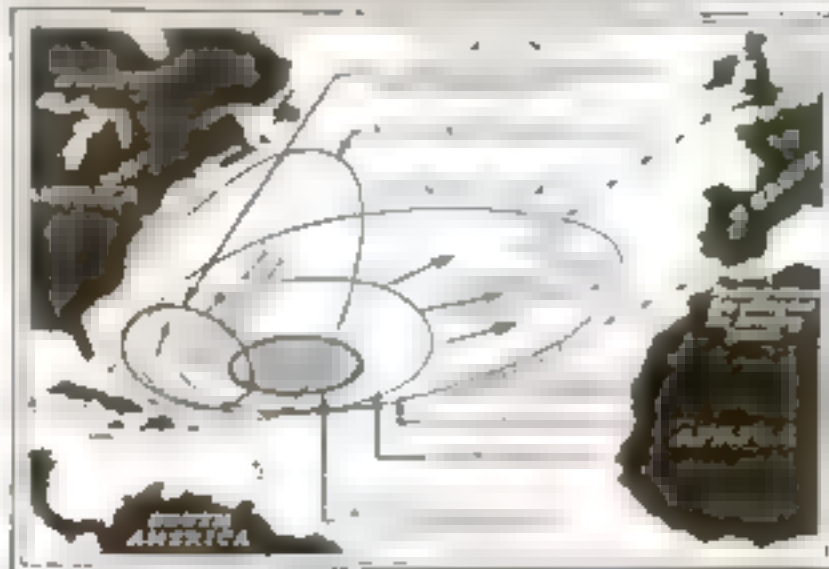
Now, a Danish zoologist, Dr. Johannes Schmidt, after years of research, has returned from an adventurous ocean voyage with the report that he has discovered a breeding place near the Bermuda Islands, in the Atlantic Ocean, from which all the eels that inhabit the waters of our rivers have migrated.

In 1904 a small transparent leaflike fish about two inches long was captured off the north coast of Scotland. Doctor Schmidt concluded that this was the larva of the common eel found in European waters. He set out in a small ship and fished all over the Atlantic Ocean, charting as he went, following trails which led him to the capture of smaller and smaller larvae, until he finally reached their breeding grounds.

How the Eel Develops

The history of the eel, as discovered by Doctor Schmidt, shows that the larvae during their first year gradually move away from the breeding zone, and by their third summer are off the coastal banks of Europe, in the case of the European eels, where they are about two inches in length. Then a strange change takes place, for the larva shrinks in width and length, becoming round instead of flat. It is then known as an silver, and begins to ascend rivers into fresh water, where it lives and feeds for from six to 20 years.

At some time during this period the reproductive organs suddenly develop, the eyes become larger and the female assumes a silvery bridal coat. Then the eel starts its journey back to the spawning grounds. What happens to the eel from

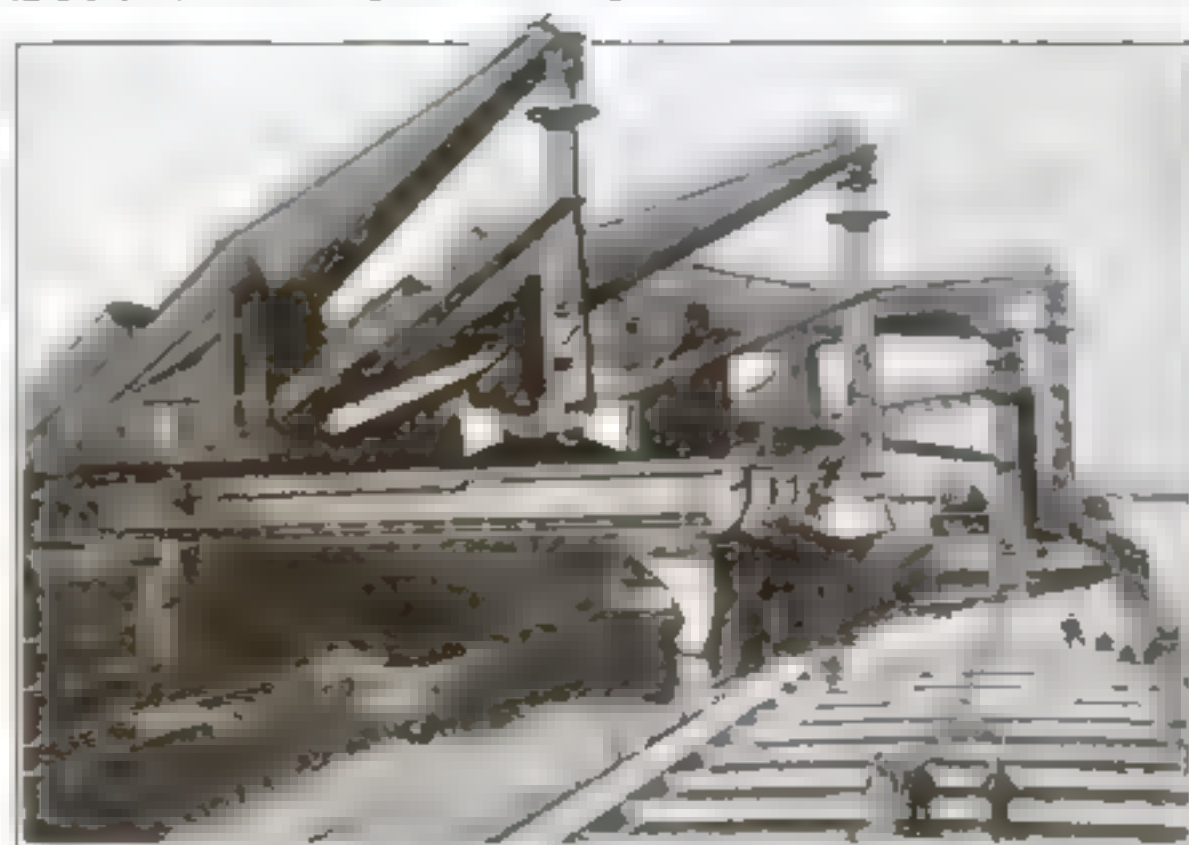


the time it leaves the river to the breeding time remains a mystery. However, it is known that the fish never returns after laying her eggs.

A difficult problem confronted Doctor Schmidt when two species of eels, the European and American, differing radically when full grown, were found together at the spawning grounds. How did the newly born eels know whether to start for Europe or America?

Since the journey to Europe takes a year longer than to America, Doctor Schmidt concluded that the European larvae would start for America and arrive there first, before they had grown sufficiently to reach the stage where they could live in fresh water. Therefore they perished before maturity. Similarly, he believes, no American eels are found in European waters because they require fresh water long before they can get it.

Steel Arms Unload Ore from Lake Boats



TWO carloads a minute is the rate at which these huge mechanical arms transfer ore from lake boats to freight cars at Ashtabula, Ohio.

Buckets are suspended from long steel plungers, the upper ends of which are pivoted to walking beams supported by movable trucks on rails.

Science to Salvage Fuel from Mine Waste Piles

THE critical fuel shortage in the United States, due to diminishing available coal and to unfavorable industrial conditions, is commanding the attention of scientists and inventors, who are experimenting with methods of salvaging vast piles of "coal waste" containing enormous quantities of fuel.

The waste at the mines consists largely of slack—fine screenings of coal dust and dirt-cum, an inferior slate-like anthracite, and gangue, or mineral matter found in coal veins. Improvements in heating apparatus that permit industries to burn much finer coal than heretofore have aroused inventors to attack waste piles which, until recently, have been considered as not worth the cost and trouble of salvage.

Minerals Separated from Coal

One ingenious new salvaging machine works on the principle that gangue, particularly that containing iron, may be separated from the coal if brought into contact with a magnetized or electrostatic field.

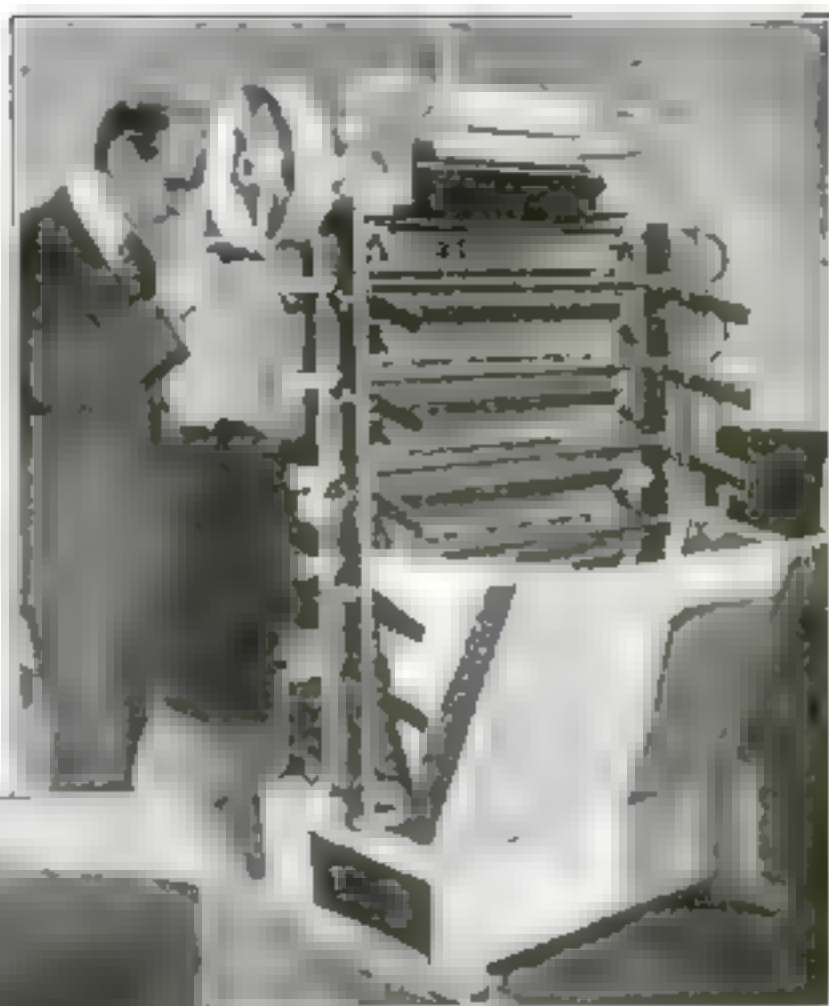
The process consists first of crushing the coal waste and then sifting out coal particles of such fineness that they would be likely to form an explosive dust. An explosive-preventing gas is used also to treat the coal, to insure safety and also to remove some of the moisture that might retard separation. The crushed coal and gangue are then dumped into the apparatus for separation.

From a feed hopper, the mixture drops to a feed roll that tends to keep the flow slow but constant, then to the first of a series of electrostatic fields, where some of the iron-containing gangue is charged by electrodes. In passing from one electrostatic field to another, the mineral matter as it becomes charged, is repelled by the charged electrodes and thrown to one side. Meanwhile, the non-conductive coal passes undisturbed from one field to another, finally falling into a container



At the side of the machine opposite the minerals.

Thus, in one operation, most of the gangue particles are separated by repulsion from the coal particles. Repeating



As coal mine waste passes through a series of electrostatic fields in this salvaging machine, mineral matter is sorted from coal by charged electrodes, as shown in diagram.

The "coal mountain" shown at left is typical of the piles of waste containing vast stores of fuel waiting to be salvaged at our coal mines.

the operation makes the separation more complete. An alternating current with a voltage of 15,000 to 25,000 has been found to give satisfactory results in charging the electrodes.

Eyeglasses Fitted on Plaster Casts of Patients' Noses

BY MAKING plaster casts of the noses of patients who come to him for eyeglasses and spectacles, Dr. Nelson Y. Hull, of New York City, is able to provide glasses that fit perfectly, even if the patient doesn't appear to wear glasses after the first visit, when a cast is made.

Since no two noses are alike, the nosepiece of glasses or contact lenses is usually made to fit a curved and adjusted. Some noses are very hard to fit because of unusual contour, and for this reason patients have sometimes been subjected to tedious fittings.

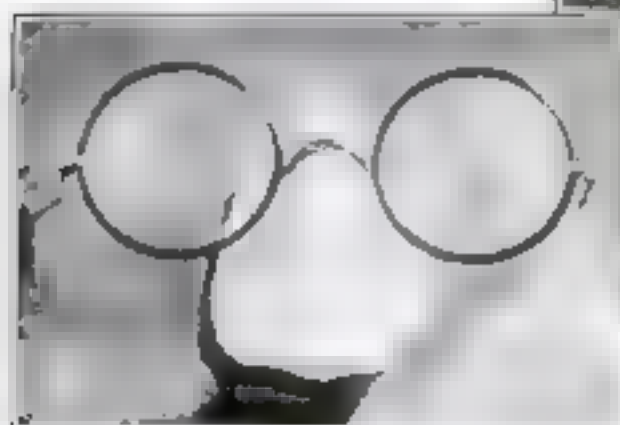
By using plaster casts, Doctor Hull not only eliminates the tedious fitting but keeps permanent records of the

nose bridges of all his patients for future reference, which is found very useful, particularly when filling emergency orders for new pairs of glasses.

Markings are made on the plaster cast to indicate exactly where the nosepiece of the glasses should rest. In many cases, Doctor Hull has found it easier to make accurate adjustments on the cast than on the patient's nose.



On a plaster cast exactly duplicating the contours of a patient's nose, spectacles are fitted as shown at the left.



Cows Thrive on Sawdust

DAIRY cows give just as much milk when a third of their food consists of hydrolyzed sawdust—that is, sawdust resolved into other compounds by taking up water.

The Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment station reports as follows:

"Two groups of three cows each were fed for 70 days. One group received a ration of alfalfa, hay, corn silage, and a concentrated mixture of 60 parts yellow corn and 20 parts linseed meal. The ration for the other three was the same except that hydrolyzed sawdust, made from Western white pine, was gradually substituted for ground corn at the rate of two pounds of sawdust for one pound of corn.

"When the percentage of sawdust reached 40 per cent, two cows failed to eat the mixture well; but when the proportion of sawdust was reduced to one third, no difficulty was experienced."

Rainbow Colors Betray Cutting Faults in Tools

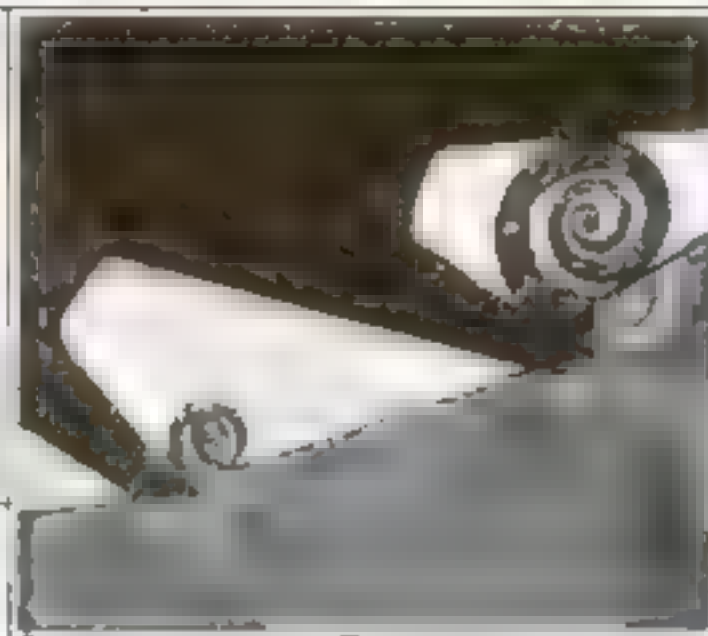
Stresses in Materials Measured by Remarkable New Apparatus

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How a Good Tool Cuts

A sharpened steel tool planing a plate of translucent nitrocellulose in a polarized field of light. The color bands in front of the cutting edge indicate variations in radial compression stress in the material, while the bands in the rear measure tensional stress behind the tool. Note that the shaving breaks away at the edge of the tool, indicating true shearing action, as compared with wedgelike action of a dull tool, shown in the third picture.



This remarkable photograph shows the action of a milling cutter, a rotating tool with multiple cutting edges. Since the profile of the cut is a curve, the shaving increases in thickness. Black stress patches in the shaving indicate that it is not sheared off as it should be, but is being wedged and torn off by jerky action of the cutter.



How a Poor Tool Cuts

An improperly shaped planing tool in action. The tool acts as a wedge forced between the shaving and body of material, tearing away the shaving by jerks and producing a rough surface on the material. Note that the imperfect tool has pared off a second threadlike shaving by a double cutting action. Because of the tearing action of the tool the shavings split away in advance of the cutting edge.

WHEN you cut a piece of steel or other metal with a dull tool, just what happens in the metal?

Every mechanic recognizes the necessity of having keen edges on his cutting tools, yet the exact effect of dull tools on the material—in terms of strain and stress, in splitting and in jagged surfaces—has remained a mystery.

To obtain scientific knowledge of these facts—of tremendous value in every modern workshop—engineering experts of University College, London, recently discovered a remarkable way of studying the cutting action of tools by means of rainbow coloring of translucent material under stress, when subjected to polarized light. By this method they have obtained colored photographs, reproduced in black and white on this page, of such material as they appeared during the cutting process.

The polarized light used in these experiments was obtained by passing sunlight through a crystal of Iceland spar. A light ray is caused by a vibration in the ether, which moves back and forth across a straight line that marks the direction of the ray. When this ray is passed through Iceland spar, only those vibrations that strike the crystalline structure longitudinally are permitted to pass, while the other vibrations are arrested. The peculiar property of the emerging ray is that all its vibrations are in a single plane. It is known as polarized light. The light affects transparent materials under stress in such a way as to produce colors that ordinary light would not reveal.

It has long been known that vivid colors are produced when polarized light is passed through a substance under stress. This is

due to the fact that material under tension elongates, and becomes distorted. Similarly, compression thickens the material with corresponding distortion. Thus, a definite pull on a translucent body may be expected to cause a definite distortion, and if light rays are passed through it, the shade and degree of coloring should be in proportion to the amount of stress.

much saving of power now wasted by ineffective tools. Engineers will be greatly assisted in attaining "the one best way of workmanship."

In the polarized light experiments, nitrocellulose, a transparent substance, is used. While the material is being cut on a lathe, milling machine or planer, polarized light is passed through it in the vicinity of the

cutting edge. When this light is projected on a screen while the cutting operation is in progress, it is noticed that rings of color precede and follow the tool as it plows its way along the material. These rings are of varying shade and intensity and seem to circle about the tip of the tool.

Further tests on stationary materials under known loads have resulted in the compilation of a color scale by which the colors can be interpreted in pounds of stress. Thus, in a cutting

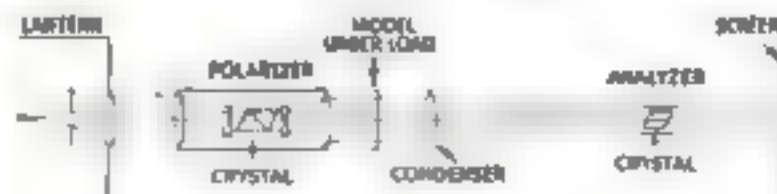
action, a series of concentric circles of color precede the tool, advancing like a rainbow through the material and ranging from black at the tip of the tool to reds that become paler at a distance from the cutter. This indicates that the material is under compression due to the forward motion of the cutter. The black indicates stresses sufficient to break apart the substance.

Behind the cutting point is another series of similar circles; but these are indications of tension, showing that as the cutter progresses it still pulls forward on the material being cut. Thus, by comparing the colors produced in material by edges of varying degrees of sharpness with the scale, the exact effect of various cutting edges can be determined.

Experimenters found that when a dull tool was used, the stresses were enormous, as shown by black fringes about the tool,



Translating varying degrees of stress in material under load in terms of rainbow colors, this ingenious apparatus for studying the action of cutting tools, explained in diagram below, projects polarized light through the translucent material under observation, and onto a screen. In photo, model was not shown.



While such a test can be conducted only on materials light can penetrate, the experimenters have assumed that steel and other metals that must be cut follow similar laws and can be studied "by proxy"—that is by analysis of a translucent substance.

Should this be the case, it will be possible to design tools scientifically, instead of by haphazard guesses based on experience in the workshop, as at present. Photo-elastic measurements will indicate exactly the proper depth of cut that should be made when turning or planing a particular material and will undoubtedly result in enor-

New Low Voltage Tube Makes Radio Sets Simpler

Expert Reports Remarkable Success with Simplified Receiving Outfit

By Armstrong Perry

LONGER life for the vacuum tube, greater economy, a more simple and convenient receiving set, and one that may easily be carried about from room to room or to a friend's house—these things are made possible by the use of the new low-voltage electron tubes that require only a dry cell to light the filament.

Despite the whirlwind spread of radio in the past year and a half, there are still literally hundreds of thousands of people who would like to enjoy the advantages and pleasure of having a receiving set in the home, and somehow haven't got around to installing one.

The fact that the electron tube set has required a storage battery for the tube filaments has unquestionably deterred many of these possible purchasers. Not only has the storage battery seemed to them likely to be cumbersome and hard to place in a room, but in addition they have hesitated because of the nuisance of having the battery frequently recharged, and the fear that its acids might ruin rugs.

Portable Outfit for Beginners

Today these radio beginners may start with a single circuit set and the new low-voltage tube lighted by a dry cell battery of the kind used to ring the doorbell. Of course, when the storage battery can be permanently installed, and can be recharged without disconnecting or moving, it remains the stand-by of the full-fledged radio fan. It is essential to loudspeaking results with power amplifiers, and sooner or later every radio user gets to the point when he wants to own a two-stage radio set with a loudspeaker, so that all the family and guests may enjoy the evening's entertainment. So it will be seen that the storage battery is still to be reckoned with. But the fact remains that for the beginner who wants a simple and portable outfit, the new dry cell tubes have saved the day.

When a well-known concern advertised a receiver using tubes that would operate with only a dry cell to light the filament, and the usual compact and light B battery, I was skeptical but hopeful. I lost no time in trying out one of them. That was a year ago. For some time the low voltage tube could not be purchased except in connection with a complete set. Now it is available to any one who has the price, and it can

be applied to any style of tube outfit.

The development in these low-voltage tubes means not only portable radio enjoyment, but it means tubes of longer life; simply because they are cooler than the tubes we have been using.

Some progress has been reported in designing a tube that will operate with a cold filament, but to date the incandescent wire seems to be necessary for practical purposes. There must be a flow of current through the tube without contact between its internal metal parts, because it is by altering the flow of this current that we get sounds louder than can be produced by using only the current the antenna brings in.

A crystal detector set, using only the energy brought in from the distant transmitting station, is limited in its range. The electron tube set, using the energy from the distant station as a trigger to release many times more energy from a local source, is much more efficient.

Electron Tube Principle

In order to produce a flow of current through the electron tube, it seems necessary at present to heat the filament because it will not throw off electrons otherwise. Electrons are the minute divisions of matter that when flowing, make up the electrical current. The filament, when heated, throws them off, the plate, positively charged, pulls them in, and

the grid, standing between the filament and plate, varies the flow. Connected with the antenna, the grid receives the incoming impulses and uses them to alternately hasten and retard the flow of the stronger current and thus make it

ripple like the waves that radiate from the transmitter. These ripples are changed by the action of the phones into sound waves exactly similar to those produced by the speaker singer, or musical instrument at the broadcasting station.

In the ordinary types of tubes that we have been lighting with our storage batteries the filaments glow brightly. To heat them to incandescence a comparatively large amount of current is needed. Metals deteriorate rapidly when heated. When overheated, as the filament is when we accidentally make a wrong connection and shoot 22½ volts from the B battery through it, it may burn off in a few seconds. At best the filament is shorter lived than we wish it were.

Tube Glows Dimly

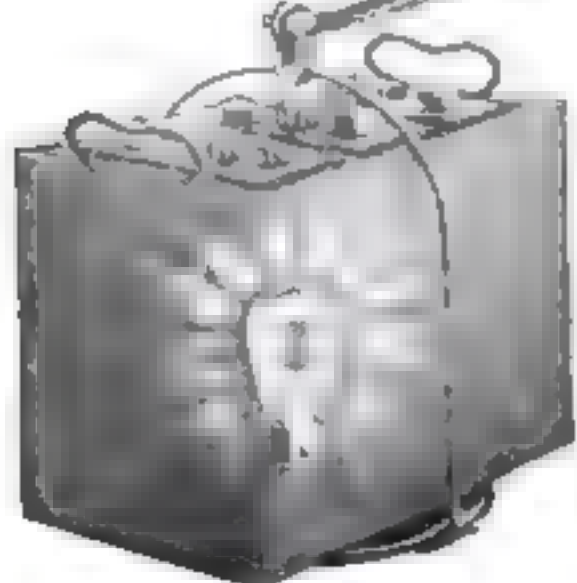
The low-voltage filament is long lived because it glows dimly. I took a set using the dry cell tube up to a roof one day, hastily improvised an aerial, and turned on the juice to hear a speech in a town 50 miles away.



The new low-voltage vacuum tube shown above is a marvel of fine and compact workmanship. The delicate grid and filament, correctly spaced and carefully adjusted, are contained inside a small hollow cylinder that acts as the tube plate.

A two-pound dry cell does the work of a 40-pound storage battery

Compare the size of the bulky storage battery in relation to the ordinary high voltage tube (at left) with that of the compact dry cell in relation to the new low voltage tube (at right)



The filament appeared to be as coldly passive with the juice on as it did with it off. I turned the rheostat knob as far as I dared. No result.

Hoping against hope, I put on the phones. Instantly I began to hear the speech. The trouble was with me, not with the tube. I had forgotten the maker's admonition that the filament shines so dimly that in bright sunlight the glow of it may not be seen.

Not so long ago I visited a fellow who had

recently been bitten by the radio bug and had purchased a set with a dry-cell tube. It was all right as far as it went—brought in stations over a radius of two or three hundred miles—but he wanted a heavier volume of sound, so he bought a two-stage amplifier and a storage battery to light its filaments. I listened in with and without the amplifier, and so far as I could judge, the low-voltage tube delivered just as good average results as any other I had tested, both when the detector was functioning without amplifiers and when its output was fed to the amplifiers. I heard Chicago, Detroit, Louisville, Schenectady, and other broadcasting stations without difficulty and I was then in eastern Pennsylvania.

Many Users Satisfied

Recently in Washington it was noised around the government offices that the navy was selling crystal detector sets of very efficient design at a low price and that they could be converted into tube sets without difficulty. Two or three thousand sets were sold to government employees and other citizens. I am informed, and one reliable dealer told me that he sold as many as 50 low voltage tubes in a day for use with these receivers. He said that no complaints had been received and that the users were evidently satisfied with their performance.

Radio experts and dealers are not unanimous, however, on the question of tubes. I asked a salesman who is an expert if he would help me assemble a good low-voltage tube set for a friend.

"Yes," he said, "but you're crazy to get one. They are not nearly as efficient as the sets that use standard tubes and storage batteries."

This man, whose word I have learned to rely on, was giving me the best advice he could from his point of view. The difference in the evidence emphasizes the fact that different men have unaccountably different experiences with the same kinds of apparatus. It is hard to find two experts who agree on any proposition where tubes are concerned.

Tubes Withstand Rough Usage

At my club I saw an expert install a glorified set using six low-voltage tubes. One thing about it that impressed me was the ruggedness of the tubes, which looked exceedingly delicate, but stood up under very rough usage.

Radio experts, when testing out a set, change about the tubes a good deal, and this man was no exception. He tried every tube in every socket times without number. In his hurry his audience was due in 15 minutes—the tubes rolled all over the place and fell off of boxes and were subjected to varying voltages, yet they all came through alive. Not one broke or burned out during the time they were under my observation.

This ability of low voltage tubes to

stand punishment is phenomenal in view of the delicacy of the filament, which is eight times thinner than tissue paper and only a hundredth of an inch wide. In welding the filament to end supports and attaching these to the springs that absorb shocks, the tube makers perform an oper-



Above is a complete low-voltage tube set recently marketed, using an ordinary dry cell to light the filament. At right is the adapter that makes it possible to use the low voltage tube in any to be set without changing sockets or wiring. In using the adapter care must be taken that the storage battery is disconnected from the circuit before the dry cell tube is inserted. Otherwise the tube may burn out.

ation that for delicacy has anything the watchmaker does "skun a mile."

The low voltage tube has four prongs, like its larger cousins, but one of the prongs is fatter than the rest, so that it is impossible to put any of the prongs into the wrong holes and thereby connect the filament with a voltage intended for the plate only.

Soon after the new tube was made available to the public, some genius put on the market an adapter that made it possible to use the low voltage tube in sockets designed for the older types of tubes. Now any one who owns a tube set can try out the low voltage tubes without change of wiring.

Any one who has tried to light the old style tubes with dry batteries and has discovered that the batteries run down in a few minutes, naturally asks how long a dry cell will operate the new tubes. The new tubes, while using 1.1 volts as compared with the four to six volts required by the old, pull only 0.2 amperes as compared with 0.75 to one ampere required by the higher voltage tubes. The power consumption of the old type tube is three to five watts in the filament, in the new type it is only 0.25 watts. So an ordinary No. 6 dry cell may

last 90 hours or more, provided it is not used more than one hour in 24. The life of a dry cell is shortened by drawing on it for long periods.

The ordinary types of B batteries are used with the low voltage filament tubes. The plate takes the ordinary voltage—22 1/2.

An increase to 30 volts may improve the results slightly.

The first of the low voltage tubes was not adapted for use as an amplifier, but the manufacturers have now produced an amplifier tube that also can be lighted by dry batteries. It can be used for increasing the power of a crystal detector set.

Radio on the Road

This victory of the dry cell tube in making possible a light, compact receiving set of long range, marks an important epoch in the extension of radio usefulness.

Now we can take our radio set with us wherever we go, receiving the best that the air has to offer. We can pack our receiving set in the bag with our collar and toothbrush. On our hunting or fishing trips, or on our auto camping expeditions we can tote it along with little trouble.

With a portable tube receiver and an antenna plug for connecting with

lighting circuits, the traveler can keep in touch with the world from his hotel room. Or, by stringing a short length of wire or using a coil aerial on his automobile, he can make it a traveling radio station without carrying bulky apparatus.

More important still—the dry cell tube receiver will carry the joys of radio to thousands of persons to whom it is still an unknown mystery. Contrary to the general impression among radio men that almost every one was initiated to radio last winter, I discovered during a recent trip through small towns and country districts in six states that more than 90 per cent of the folks I met had never heard anything about radio. Most of them never had seen a radio set.

Thousands to Learn of Wireless

To these thousands, salesmen with portable sets now can carry radio. In demonstrating their goods they will find an enthusiastic welcome.

Finally, think of what the portable receiving set will mean in carrying cheer to shut-ins, entertainment and education to out-of-the-way places, and up-to-the-minute information to offices and workshops.

No longer is the enjoyment of radio programs confined to those who can afford a storage battery. The introduction of the dry cell tube has halved the cost of a vacuum tube outfit.

To make a long story short, radio has caught up with the cartoons which, in the hectic winter of 1921-22 pictured for us the manifold possibilities of this marvelous agency for carrying the human voice to listeners hundreds of miles away.

A Low Voltage Tube Set for \$20

OUR radio editor has just completed a remarkably simple and easily tuned low-voltage tube set at a total cost, including phones and aerial, of about \$20. Every reader will be interested in the construction of this outfit. It is to be fully described in the April issue.

Hunters with Lasso Capture Polar Bears Alive

COWBOYS of the Western ranches whose business has outgrown their art, except in the movies, have found a new field in the Far North, using their lassoing skill to capture live polar bears. A recent expedition employing about a hundred men skilled with the coiled rope, recently caught about a thousand full grown bears in this way. Some of the bears were killed for their meat and skins, while others were kept alive to be sold to zoos.

The polar bears bask on ice floes. The hunters' boat, a fishing schooner, was maneuvered in and out of the ice floes until a bear was spied. Seeing the boat approaching, the bear invariably took to the water and the hunters found that they could effect a capture only by following him with an auxiliary high-speed power launch.

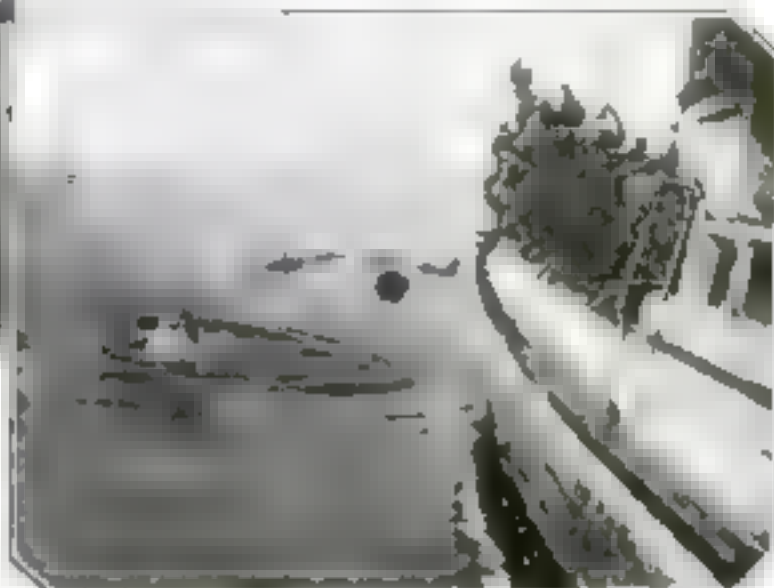
When the power boat came within casting distance of the bear, a skilled rope artist threw a lasso over the animal's head, manipulating the rope so that the bear struggled to



Captured alive, a full grown polar bear is hoisted aboard ship after the animal is lassoed as shown at right. Nearly 1000 bears were caught in this manner during a recent polar hunting expedition.

release himself. The result was that the bear worked his head and shoulders through the loop and the rope could then be tightened without danger of strangling the animal.

As soon as the bear was securely roped, the launch towed him alongside the ship and he was drawn aboard by means of a derrick. The hunters report that the sport was equal to anything they have ever experienced, for long battles were sometimes necessary before the animal could be hoisted aboard the schooner.



Automobile Body Skeleton Serves as Chassis Frame

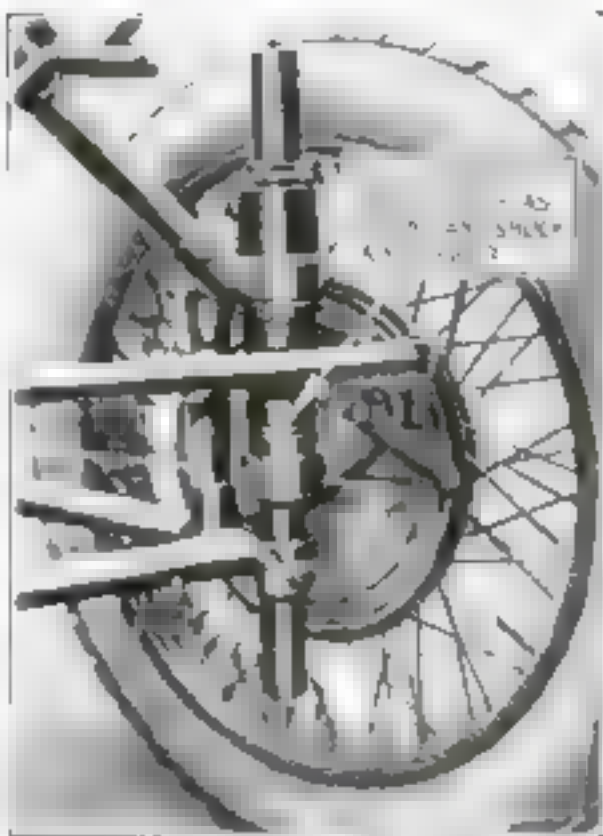
A "FRAMELESS" automobile chassis, radically different in principle from the conventional design, was an interesting feature of a recent Paris automobile show. Although the question of just how a car of this general type would perform over rough roads, is a disputed one, experts generally agreed that some of the principles employed may find wide use in the future.

An important advantage of the new frameless car is its extraordinarily light weight and comparatively simple construction. The body of the car is the only structural member connecting the front and rear axles. Metal sheeting cut out with a die performs the double service of carrying the weight of the body and its contents as well as taking the place of the chassis frame.

Metal Frame Can Be Enamelled

It is this arrangement that gives the car its light weight, while the strength is as great as that of a heavy frame. A secondary advantage is that durable baked enamel finish can be applied throughout, whereas the present wooden frame prevents the use of high temperatures required in the application of this process.

The suspension and air brake ar



Spring suspension and brake arrangement of front wheel, showing cylinder mounting in which coiled springs and a piston operating against water pressure absorb shocks.

rangements on the front wheels are other unusual features. The front wheel is mounted to slide on a vertical guide pressing against the action of coiled springs and, through a piston, against water pressure in a vertical cylinder situated alongside the wheel. This arrangement eliminates the springs and shock absorbers now in use.

Brakes are provided on all four wheels, those in front being operated by a wire cable attached to a lever, the movement of which governs the brake band. All four brakes are operated simultaneously by pressing on a single foot pedal.

A Vacuum Clothes Brush

THEY are saying good-by to the whiskbroom in barber shops in Chicago. Attendants are using a small vacuum type dust collector, weighing no more than the electric shaver. It is far more hygienic than the whiskbroom germ scatterer.

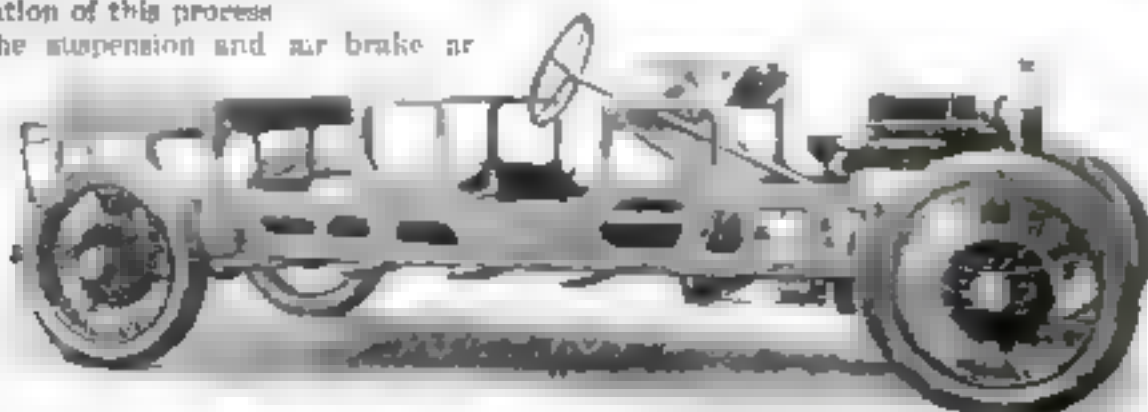


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A light sheet metal skeleton—the only structural member connecting front and rear axles—takes the place of a chassis frame in the new "frameless car"

Suction Knife to Revolutionize Slaughterhouse Methods

DESIGNED to eliminate the barbarity of slaughtering methods now in general practice, a new butchering device, manufactured by a concern in Kansas City, Mo., provides a cleaner and quicker method of killing animals.

The mechanism consists of a suction pump to which is attached a hose equipped on the end with a sharp blade. As used in slaughterhouses, a centrally located vacuum pipe provides the suction for a battery of blades. The animals are hoisted and suspended from a rod by chains attached to their hind legs. The "sucker" inserts the blades in the animals' throats and the suction draws the blood from their bodies in 43 seconds. Thus, the animals die in a

Blood is saved by clean quick suction method shown below



In the slaughterhouse, suction for a battery of knife blades inserted in the animals' throats is supplied from a vacuum pipe

most humane way and their blood is conserved and kept clean throughout the entire operation. In cleanliness, the invention will transform slaughterhouses, where butchers now wade in blood as they work.

Although the present tendency in butchering

is to relieve suffering as much as possible, yet killing by the present methods requires from two to five minutes. The saving that may be effected by the new slaughtering implement may be realized when it is considered that the line of cattle, sheep, and swine killed each year in America for food and skins, would extend a distance of 181,000 miles, or about five times the distance around the world.



Easily Fitting Pipe Wrench Threadless and Nutless

ONE of the recent additions to the pipe-fitter's toolchest is a threadless and nutless pipe wrench, invented by Walter L. Brockovar, of Tipton, Ind., which can be used on pipes of varying sizes without preliminary adjustment.

The wrench consists of three parts: a handle and upper and lower movable jaws. The upper jaw and the handle each have two arms that are pivoted in such a way as to allow room for motion of the lower jaw about its pivot in the handle.

In use, the wrench is hooked over the pipe and the lower jaw is raised to contact with the other side of the pipe. Bending the wrench by pressing down on the handle causes the lower jaw to move forward and the pipe is thus very firmly gripped by the teeth of the jaws.

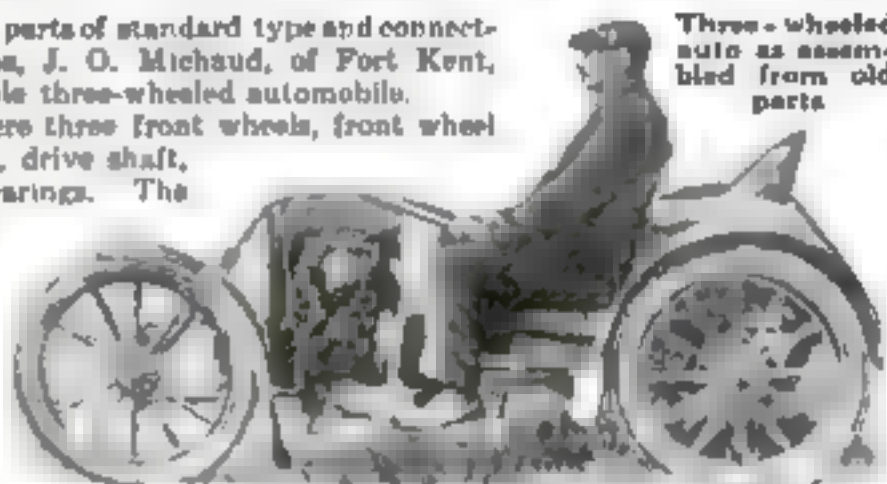
To release the pipe wrench, it is necessary only to raise the handle. The lower part is drawn back by this motion and the teeth are disengaged.

Three-Wheeled Auto Built of Old Parts

FROM a few spare Ford parts of standard type and connecting parts made at home, J. O. Michaud, of Fort Kent, Me., has built a serviceable three-wheeled automobile.

The Ford parts used were three front wheels, front wheel steering spindle, rear axle, drive shaft, pinion ring gear, and bearings. The chassis frame was of iron pipes, while the reducing coupling, the transmission, and the drive shaft housing were made from available material.

A nine-horsepower engine from an old car gave satisfaction. The entire car weighs 610 pounds.



Three-wheeled auto as assembled from old parts

Sea of Soapsuds Novel Window Display



BY FORCING compressed air through a soap solution in an electric washing machine, a furniture store has adopted a novel window display scheme which has proved effective in attracting the attention of passers-by. The sea of soapsuds produced covers much of the display.

Photo courtesy American Museum of Natural History

This monster South American bat is first cousin to our leather-winged species. Scientists now say bats may be used to police our homes against insects.

Until recently the bat was one of the least known American mammals. There are 150 species, some of which have as large a wing spread as five feet.

Proposes Pet Bats to Drive Insects from Our Homes

RESearch that soon may result in the employment of the ordinary leather-winged bat to police our homes against flies, insects, and mosquitoes, is now being carried on by certain scientists who have undertaken a thorough study of the subject. San Antonio, Texas, and some cities in Florida have already used bats successfully to fight malaria bearing mosquitoes.

These men picture the bat making its home in a dwelling, darting here and there, and killing all invading insects. To prove this is entirely feasible, they introduced two bats into their own homes after being bothered by mosquitoes. The result was that

the bats disposed of all of the insects in a single night.

Two difficulties have arisen, however. In the first place, they have not yet found an adequate way to keep the bats alive in captivity. They feed only while on the wing, and unless supplied with large numbers of insects, do not get enough food when kept in a laboratory. Secondly, since the bat is little more than a winged mouse, women feel somewhat timid about having such a policeman around the house.

The real importance of the research lies in the discovery of the value of bats as destroyers of insects that damage crops on farms and as annihilators of mosquitoes.

They are confident their studies will enable them to devise a way to keep bats in captivity so that they may be domesticated to farm uses.

The bat is a nocturnal animal, hiding in dark caves in the daytime. Some varieties migrate with the seasons, while others hibernate, hanging suspended from roofs of caves by their hooked claws, sleeping for periods as long as ten weeks. They never build nests.

As soon as young are born—never more than two to a pair—they attach themselves to the breast of the mother bat, remaining with her until they have gained strength enough to fly.



Converted Auto Mirror Is Useful in Rowboat

TO A person rowing a boat, a knowledge of what is going on behind him is even more important than to one driving an automobile, and therefore the automobile mirror has been put to this second use.

Attached to the side of the boat immediately in front of the rower and tilted to reflect images at the proper angle, the mirror affords a good view of what is ahead, making it easy to keep the boat in its straight course and avoid collisions.

Nearly Two Billion Stars

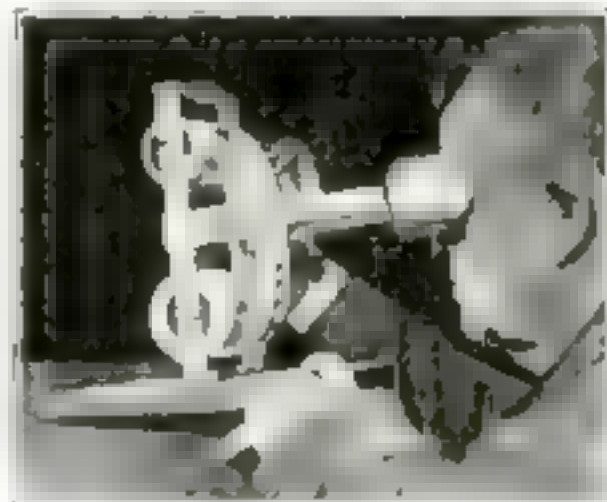
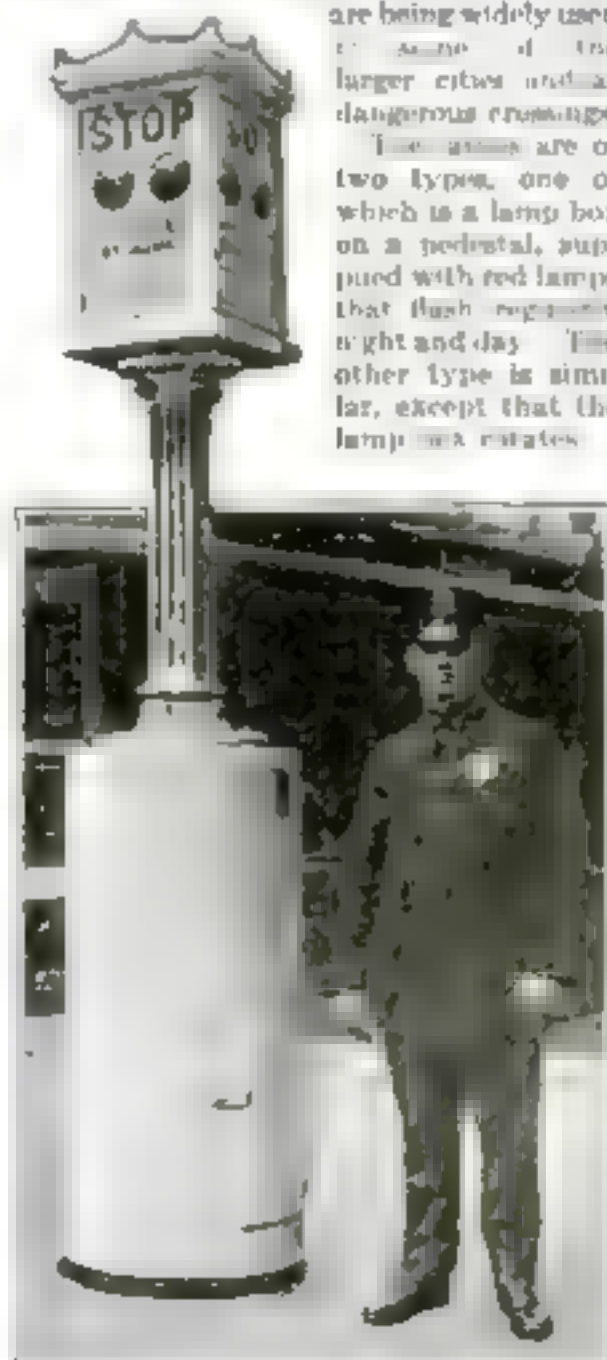
LATEST estimates made by scientists of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, England, are that there are approximately 1,600,000,000 stars. Of this number between 3000 and 4000 are visible to the unaided eye. The late Franklin Adams made a set of 206 photographs covering the entire sky from which it was possible to estimate the number of recorded stars at about 55,000,000.

"Talking Lamps" Warn Autoists of Danger

"TALKING" signal lamps, with complete traffic regulations printed on their sides for the benefit of the passing motorist, are being widely used

in some of the larger cities and at dangerous crossings.

There are of two types, one of which is a lamp box on a pedestal, supplied with red lamps that flash repeatedly night and day. The other type is similar, except that the lamp box rotates.



Workman Studies Expert's Actions in Movie

IN ORDER to instruct workmen in the best methods of manipulating a machine or performing an industrial operation, Major Frank B. Gibreth, noted efficiency expert, has perfected a small stereoscopic movie machine that enables the workman to study each movement of an expert in minute detail.

When a man accomplishes results in a minimum of time with the least exertion, he is termed an expert. To educate other workmen to become experts, this man can be used as an example. Stereoscopic motion pictures are taken of the expert in action and printed upon a paper roll. To each of the separate pictures is attached a caption that calls attention to the faults or correct actions of the individual in the picture. Thus a study of an expert's actions can be made by the less experienced man by observing the film through a stereoscope while continually passing before the eye the successive movements that go to make up a complete operation.

Each device for taking these pictures includes a microchronometer, or rapid clock, that records the time on each picture, which shows paths of motion, as well as the exact time taken.

Why Boilers Explode—This One Traveled 200 Feet

THE most spectacular recent boiler explosion—just one among the 500 that annually snuff out from 700 to 800 lives in the United States, causing property loss of more than half a million dollars—occurred in a sawmill



The price of carelessness—all that remained of the sawmill

at Le Roy, Ohio, when the shattered boiler was hurled high across a stream for a distance of 200 feet from its foundation

The boiler was of the horizontal tubular type, 80 years old. It was designed for a



— 200 feet —

pressure of 80 pounds. Two years previous to the accident, the operator had increased the pressure to 100 pounds, but later, it is said, he adjusted the safety valve, as he thought, to blow off at 80 pounds as before

Some Causes of Explosions

Although the safety valve could not be found after the explosion, it is believed that it may have been screwed up for a higher pressure rather than down.

Aside from carelessness, some of the chief causes of boiler explosions that could be avoided are summed up by experts in a few simple "Don'ts," the most important of which are:

Don't fail to test the water gage every day to make sure that the boiler contains the proper amount of water

Don't neglect to test the safety valve every day.

Don't forget that a badly sealed boiler is unsafe.

Don't neglect the steam pressure gage or fail to have it tested



The wrecked boiler lying where it landed, 200 feet from the mill

occasionally—say, about once every year. Don't try to raise steam in a cold boiler too quickly

Don't depend on others to see that everything is all right.

Master Gear Molds Perfect Gear Teeth in White Hot Blanks

INCREASED accuracy and greater wearing qualities in the production of toothed gears of all types have been achieved recently by the invention of a revolutionary machine that forms gear teeth by rolling a plastic, white hot gear blank in mesh with a water cooled, accurately formed master gear

Gear Teeth Hot Rolled

Replacing the usual method of cutting the gear teeth cold from blanks in milling machines, the new hot rolling process is said to be one of the most important developments in the machine tool industry in a decade. Hot rolled gears already have been adopted by several automobile manufacturers, and are said to represent an important saving in time and material.

The drop forged steel blanks from which the gears are made are similar to those supplied to standard gear cutting machines, except that they are from 20 to 40 per cent lighter, since the rolling process uses all the material in the blank, whereas the cutting process necessitates cutting away a large amount of the material.

The blank is heated white hot in a small gas furnace at one end of the machine. Then it is mounted in the machine and a gear die is gradually brought into mesh with it as the two rotate in unison, the

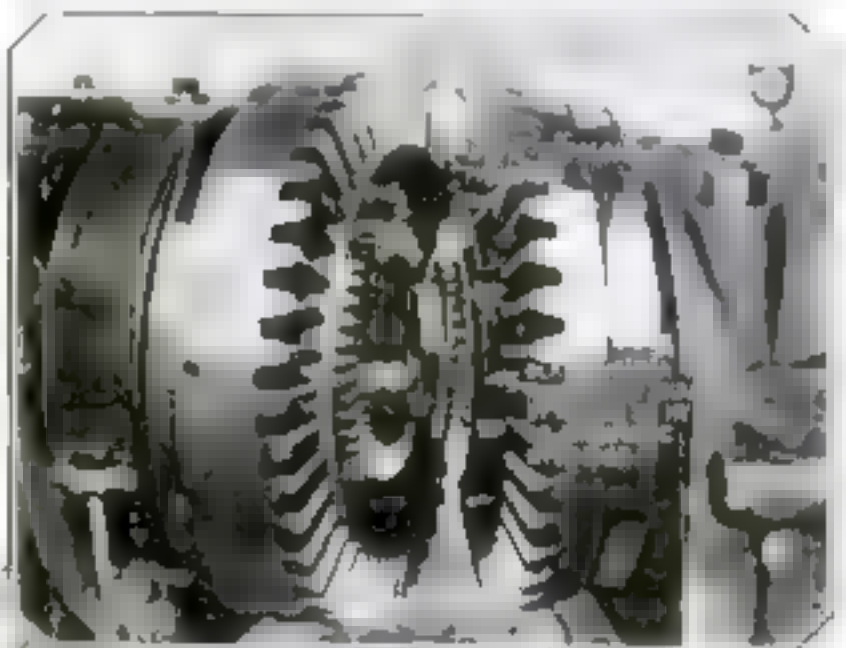
die slowly meshing deeper and deeper until the hot blank is a perfect mate for the die. In twenty seconds the job is finished and the machine is ready for another blank.

The machine has four bevel gears, as shown in the close-up view on this page. Two large gears drive the two shafts of the machine in perfect unison. Inside one of the big bevels is the die gear and opposite, meshing with it, is the finished hot rolled gear.

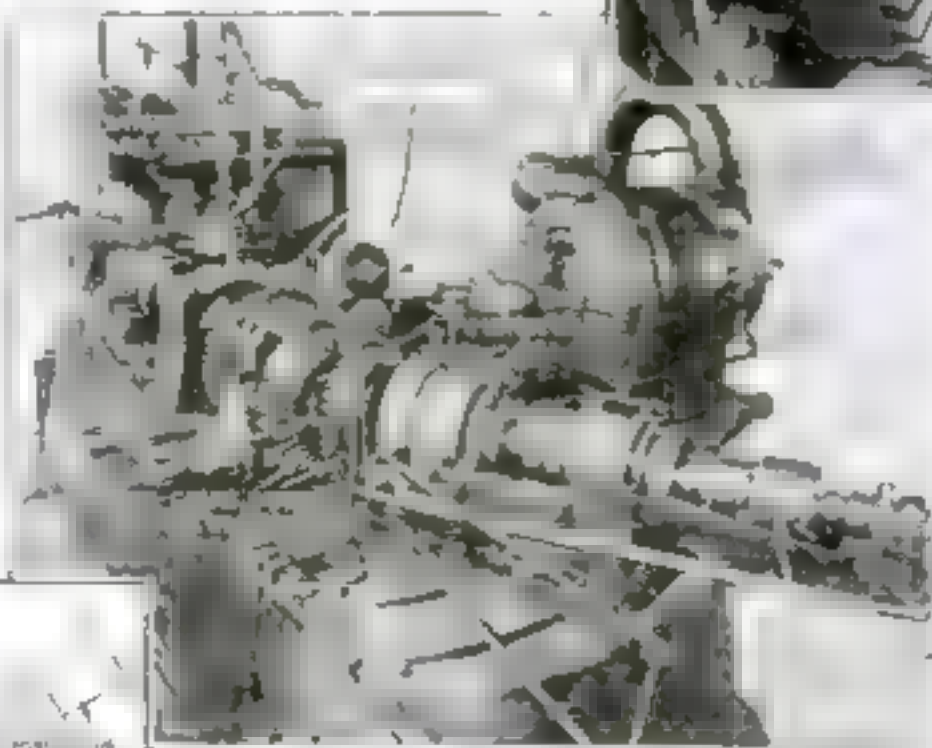
When the hot blank is placed in the machine, it is held securely by the action of a hydraulic or pneumatic cylinder located on the end of the shaft upon

which the blank is mounted. The shaft that turns the die gear is connected by bevel gears with an electric motor

The other end of this shaft has a large



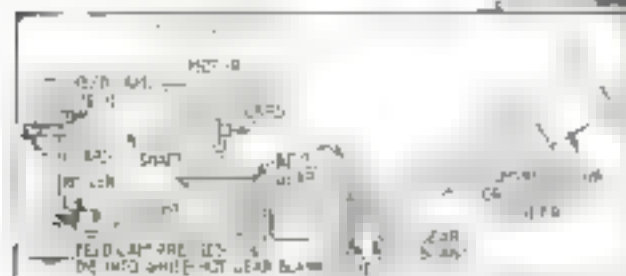
Close up of the gear rolling mechanism, showing large bevel gears that drive the die and blank shafts in perfect unison, and, within, the die and finished gear



In this machine the teeth of a perfect gear die are pressed against a white hot gear blank, as shown in diagram, until the blank is a perfect mate for the die

roller against which the feed cam bears, and is rotated by the large drive gear. This gear is operated by auxiliary gearing from the motor shaft

The motor does not run continuously in one direction, but instead, makes a fraction more than one revolution, then reverses to make a little more than a revolution in the other direction. The movement in one direction is slightly less than in the other so that no two revolutions bring the same teeth of the die into action.

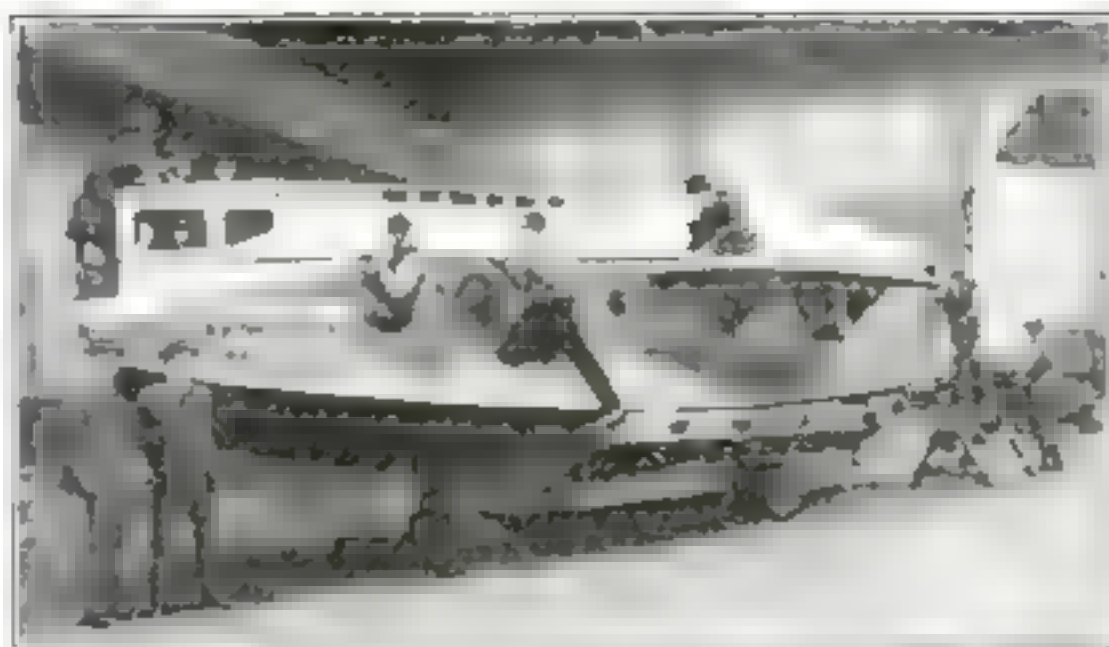


A 5000-Mile Trip to the Arctic in a Flying Boat

IN THE most complete and luxurious flying boat ever constructed, six nationally known American sportsmen, accompanied by four newspaper and movie men and a crew of three, will fly from New York to the Arctic Circle next summer in an effort to establish an aeromarine line that will bring New York within 72 hours of the Arctic.

The Sailing List

The sportsmen who have said they will make the trip are I. M. Uppercu, president of the Cadillac Motor Car Co.; Howard E. Coffin, president of the National Aeronautical Association; Harold H. Emmons, president of the Detroit Board of Commerce; Dr. James W. Inches, police commissioner of

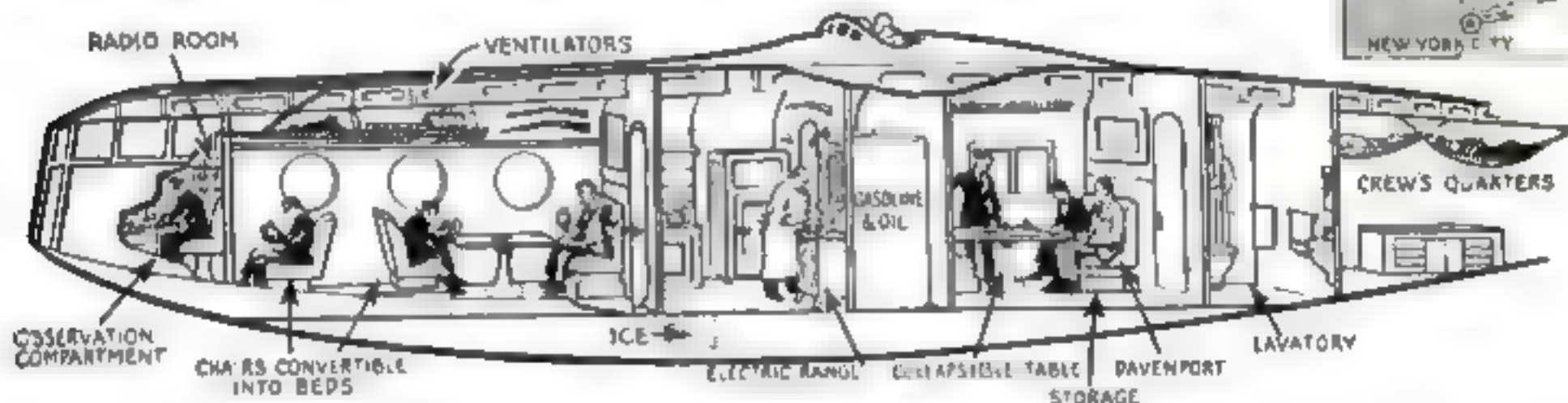
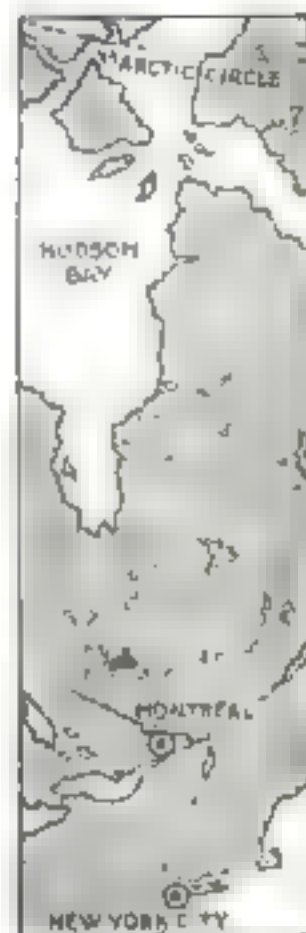


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Businessmen-Hunters to Travel in Ship of Luxury

Workmen are shown above putting the finishing touches on the spacious flying boat in which six American businessmen-sportsmen

will travel from New York to the Arctic Circle over territory shown on the map at the right. The diagram below shows arrangement of cabins



Detroit; William E. Metzger, president of the Detroit Athletic Club, and Charles Redden, president of Aeromarine Airways.

The flying boat, for which the hull and cabin are now complete, will have a wing spread of 104 feet, and will be driven by two 400-horsepower Liberty engines. The entire machine will weigh 7½ tons, and will attain a maximum speed of 100 miles an hour.

An Infinite Variety of Scenery

The journey of 5000 miles will take from two to four weeks, since it will be made by easy stages. Leaving New York, the boat will go to Montreal, and from there will follow the Ottawa River and a chain of lakes northward through Quebec to James Bay, thence through Hudson Bay to the Arctic Circle, where the sportsmen will enjoy themselves shooting caribou and other big game.

Complete equipment, an electric range for cooking, convertible beds that turn into chairs in the daytime, and an inclosed observation compartment at the nose of the machine will be just a few of the conveniences embodied in the boat. The radio outfit will have both the loudspeaker and head phones. Several broadcasting stations have arranged to give special radio programs for the sportsmen, supplying continuous entertainment throughout the trip.

The epoch-making air voyage was conceived by C. F. Redden who, while flying over Quebec recently, became impressed with the possibility of flying over water to the Arctic Circle. He declares that the journey involves no danger and will provide novel sport for the tired business man.

Plow, Harrow and Roller Combined

A ROTARY soil tiller that performs simultaneously the operations of plowing, harrowing, rolling, and disk-ing, has received the approval of an English horticultural society.

The motive power is supplied by a single cylinder engine, giving 4.17 horsepower at 1800 revolutions a minute. The power is transmitted through worm gearing to a set of eight spring

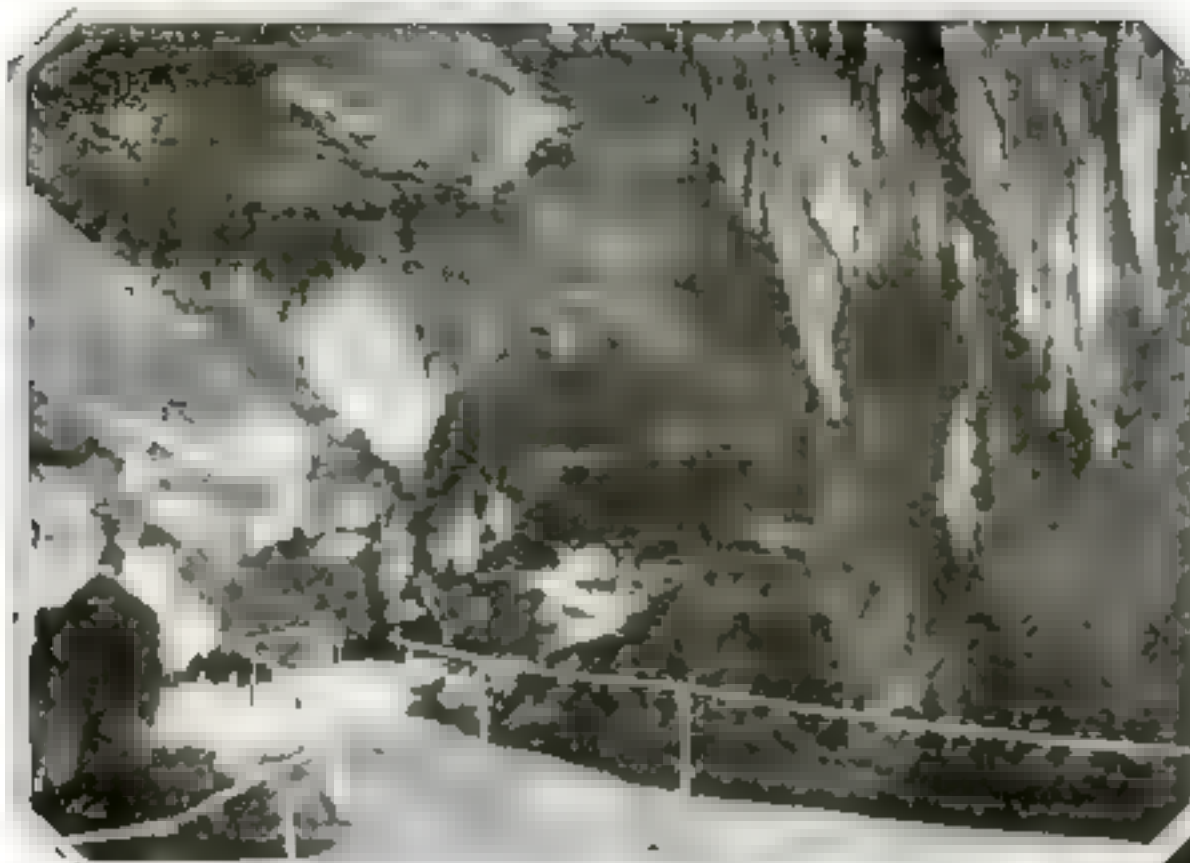
tines located side by side on a shaft extending across the machine. These tines, rotating at high speed, churn up the soil to a depth depending upon the setting of a shoe in the rear, which can be adjusted in five different positions.

Part of the power is transmitted to a pair of wheels on either side of the machine, which serves to move the tiller forward at any desired rate. The machine is kept in line by the operator, who walks in the rear of it.

When it is desired to use the implement as a power plant, it is necessary merely to throw out the clutches and connect the engine with the machine by belting. The entire machine weighs only 350 pounds.



By turning a handle in this combination power plow, harrow, disk and roller, the operator controls its movements. In diagram, note tines that rotate at high speed, churning the soil.



An Underground "Ballroom"

THE entrance to the magnificent "ballroom" in the Luray Caverns is shown at left. Within the caverns, good rock and electric lighting make a most beautiful scene.

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Through the underground passages enter out by the acid water runs from the surface at times. The Shenandoah Valley is full of potholes that, lacking surface drainage, quickly empty rain water into underground water courses. The openings in the rock beneath them become filled with earth or other debris. At one time a hole that had held water for many years suddenly opened as if some one had pulled out the stopper, and a small lake disappeared with a mighty roar into the bowels of the earth.

Nature's Drainage System Makes Caves

A cave system in limestone is really a drainage system, such as formed by rivers, creeks, and rivers. If a country is so formed that the stream that formed it has covered its bed by erosion, and that the old waters are found a lower level. In many cases, general level is a desert, creek beds dry up. In fact, limestone caves water can be found through holes many feet below the level of the cave. In an underground system that flows to the sea. And, if no water is found in the bottom of a cave, there is a small spring with marks showing where the water has run out.

The newly discovered and the Shenandoah Caverns, three miles south of Mount Jackson, have become tremendously popular. More than 10,000 persons paid admission fees during the first 10 weeks after the Shenandoah Caverns were made accessible to tourists. The perfect highway from the Valley Pike to the entrance of the Endless Caverns has drawn many more thousands and the caves in the vicinity have reaped some of the profits.

\$250,000 Spent to Exploit Caves

Improvements in the Endless Caverns represent an investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars. There is a good stone restaurant, a stone bridge over the entrance, an observation tower at the entrance, an observation tower on a near-by hill, a power house, and a power line that floods the dark underground passages with radiance and a proposed stone bridge.

From the moment you follow the path and a narrow passage that appears at first as a blind alley, but turns out to be an entrance, you are dazzled by the glittering splendor of delicate and massive formations, a riot of exquisite coloring.

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THIS photograph of the spacious "Saracen's Tent" in the Luray Caverns, gives an idea of the massive underground formations on which Nature has worked for centuries. Note size of

gorgeous stalactites hanging from the dome and of the huge pillar at the left, as compared with the two men in the photograph. The cave's natural beauty is enhanced by ingenious lighting.

Trick Forces Tide to Lift Steamer from Rocks

WITH the aid of a 20-foot tide and an ingeniously constructed cribbing, engineers recently succeeded in floating the steamer "Empress" from the rocks in the Bay of Fundy, after every effort to pull the vessel into deep water with tugs had failed.

The Canadian Pacific steamer was on her regular run in the bay when she poked her nose high on a ledge of rock in St. John harbor in such a way that a point of the ledge became firmly hooked into plates on the ship's bottom.

When tugs attempted to pull the steamer away, they served merely to fasten the rocky hook more firmly into the ship.

It was decided that the only way to float the steamer was to raise her out of the



Steamer Empress on the rocks, showing workmen constructing cribwork that lifted her free of the ledge, as in diagram.

ledge. Therefore, at low tide, a portion of the rock was blasted from beneath the bow and there a cribbing was constructed so

that as the stern rose with the rising tide, the weight of the ship was thrown on the cribbing. Finally, at high tide the hull was lifted clear of the ledge, and the bow rested on the cribbing. Since the top of the crib had been thoroughly greased, it was an easy matter to pull the boat into deep water. The few plates bent by the collision were replaced by new ones and the ship was towed to drydock at Halifax.



Caverns Open to Tourists

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Perhaps most impressive of all sights is the Diamond Lake in the Endless Caverns. You reach a point in the cavern where you see a cleft about two feet high and about three feet from the floor. Suddenly the lights go out and the entire cavern is in darkness.

"Face the end of the passage, please," orders the guide. You comply, wondering what is coming. In a moment there is a "click," followed by a flood of ruby-colored light that turns Diamond Lake into blood red water, reflecting countless rubies in the banks and ceiling over the tiny crescent-shaped lake.

Fantastic Forms and Colors

Once again the cavern is in darkness; then soft yellow lights transform the lake cavern into a jeweled castle of yellow diamonds. Then green lights, creating an emerald lake that excites gasps from the spectators who remember Diamond Lake as one of Nature's most beautiful scenic spots.

There are other scenes in the Endless Caverns just as fantastic—the Palace of Fairies, where a forest of crystal formations suggests all manner of elfin, fairy, and goblin-like figures, enhanced by skillfully placed electric lights. There are formations of pure milky white, delicately colored stalactites and stalagmites of tints and shades ranging from reddish brown (made by iron compounds) to soft gray blue (caused by the presence of manganese). There is the Hall of Giants, where tremendous stalactites and stalagmites lie prostrate, one of them weighing 400 tons and believed to have fallen nearly 4000 years ago.

Perhaps the most awe inspiring of all is a milk white specter standing guard over what is known as "Pluto's Chasm," a rift 40 feet deep, and 500 feet long. Dainty shawls of translucent calcite, falling in graceful folds ornamented with a narrow band of reddish brown; cascades of glistening white, terraces, pools of crystal clear

water, countless formations of white and colored calcite formations, combine to make the chasm one of the most beautiful pieces of underground architecture in the world.

There are endless wonders in caves. To some persons the silence is ghastly; to others it is soothing. It is broken only by the dripping of water or the rolling of a pebble. Bats hang in clusters from the wall, sometimes you run across nests of wild animals, often containing bones, seeds brought in by birds or beasts and up shoots of pallid white; colorless translucent cave crickets hop about with proverbial liveliness, ghostly eyeless fishes and crabs swim about in the underground streams.

In historical interest and in size Mammoth Cave, Ky., surpasses all known caverns. It was made a show place as early as 1816, passing into various hands and finally to Dr. John Croghan, who bought it and 2000 acres of surrounding land for \$10,000. O. Josh Wilson, oldest guide there, has shown the caves to no less than 35,000 people, receiving fees estimated at \$108,000. Saltpeter miners, tuberculosis colonists, mushroom farmers, Indians, theatrical stars, singers, and even presidents, have visited the place even though in the early days they were forced to go on mule-back.

Other famous caverns are Wyandotte Cave in Indiana; Penn's Cave, near Centerhall, Pa.; Washington's Masonic Cave in northeastern West Virginia, where the first president is reputed to have held Masonic meetings; the caves of the Winds at Niagara Falls and in Colorado, and the caves of Arizona, New Mexico, and Ohio. All of these fall under the classification of exploited caves from which a business mounting into millions of dollars is derived.

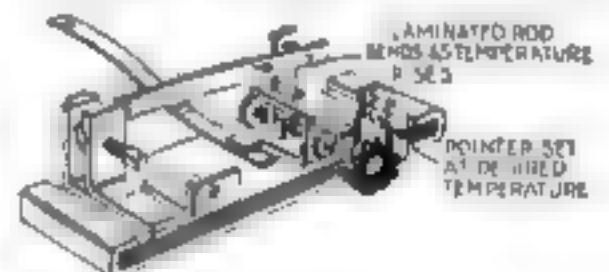
But the unexploited caves are the ones that are attracting the interest of the Cave Men's Club of America.

At every opportunity members of the club seek out little known caves, enter by ladder or rope, and explore the unknown depths, risking their lives and getting from the adventure thrills they feel are great enough to justify their trouble.

Electric Iron Can Be Set at Any Temperature

USING a new "even heat" electric iron, the housewife can set her iron for low, intermediate, or high heat, thus regulating the temperature to give the best results on the particular material being ironed.

When a control button is set for low heat, a thermostat consisting of a laminated



When heat passes desired temperature, bending metal rod breaks the circuit.

metal rod is so bent that any temperature above 160 degrees will cause a further bending of the rod and will break the circuit until the excess heat has been consumed and the rod contracts to its original position, when the current is again permitted to flow.

When set for high heat, the thermostat acts at a temperature of 400 degrees. Any



Heat of this electric iron is controlled by pressure on a button.

intermediate setting places a definite pressure on the thermostat and causes the current to be shut off at whatever temperature is demanded by the work in hand.

Will Women Athletes Win Men's Crowns?

Former Woman Swimming Champion Says Masculine Title Holders Must Look to Their Laurels—Girl First to Smash Record

By Ethelda Bleibtrey

Former Amateur Swimming Champion of the World

FOR the first time in history a woman athlete, in competition with a man, has broken a world's athletic record.

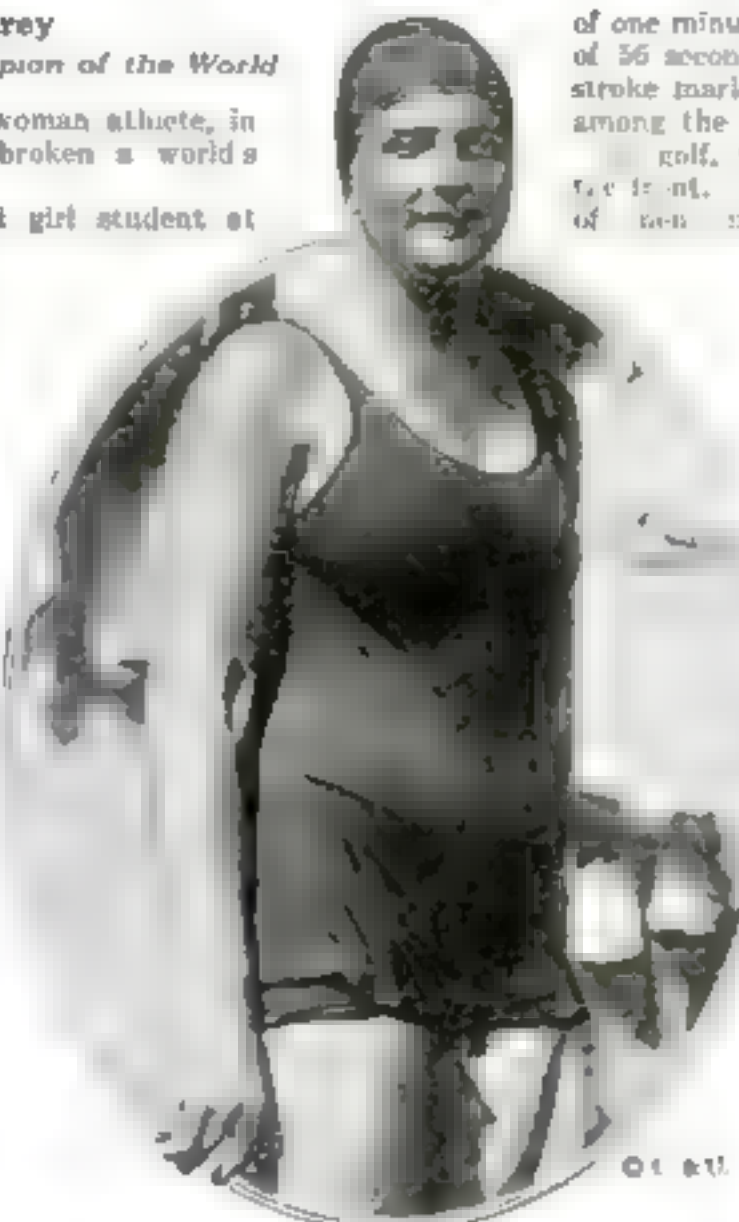
When Sybil Bauer, an 18-year-old girl student at Northwestern University and member of the Illinois Athletic Club, recently swam 440 yards backstroke in six minutes, 24 4/5 seconds, she not only smashed the world's record for that event, held by her own teammate, Harold Krueger, but she issued a challenge in behalf of all womankind against the supremacy of man in the world of sports.

An Era of Women Champions

In itself, this college girl's feat might be of only passing importance were it not for the fact that hundreds of women are crowding to the front in sports, creeping closer year by year to the championship laurels that until now have been worn exclusively by men in all lines of athletics. I predict that Miss Bauer's swimming record definitely marks the beginning of an era when the world's sport crowns will fall, one by one, before the conquests of the "weaker sex," and that eventually women will wear as many of these prizes as men.

I believe this so thoroughly that I am now coaching a class of super-swimmers at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City directly preparatory to trials for some of these world records.

The tremendous advance of women in athletics during the past twenty years, and especially in the past five years, has been a thrilling drama to me. Let us analyze some of the records in which women approach the marks set by men.



Ethelda Bleibtrey—Former amateur women swimming champion of the world and now coach of a class of women swimmers, some of whom, she predicts, will capture world's records now held by men.

When I first began to swim, a mark of one minute and seventeen seconds was a splendid one for women swimmers competing in the 100-yard event. They have gradually cut down that mark until they are approaching a time

of one minute and soon they will be down to the time of 56 seconds, the record set by men. Other backstroke marks, besides that for the 440 yards, will be among the first to fall.

In golf, women are slowly but surely driving to the front. Just how near they are to the excellence of men in this vastly popular game may be ascertained from the fact that the longest drive by a man is 341 yards, the record set by Abe Mitchell, the British golfer. Yet Glenna Collett, an 18-year-old girl champion, who has not yet reached her full powers, has actually driven a golf ball 313 yards!

Tennis Marvels Vie with Men

In tennis, one of the first games women took up, man's supremacy is being threatened. I am quite sure that Molla Mallory or Suzanne Lenglen could defeat all but two or three of our best men players. Mademoiselle Lenglen's drives, according to Vincent Richards, the young tennis marvel who has played against her, are as hot and as difficult to handle as any man's. Experts predict that Miss Helen Wills, 18-year-old star, will eclipse both Mrs. Mallory and Mademoiselle Lenglen.

Englishwomen have become experts in hockey, one of the roughest of games. Only a short time ago the Sheffield women's soccer team from England played Philadelphia Field Club Men's team at Philadelphia, Pa., and the latter, playing at full speed, were barely able to scrape through by a margin of one point. American girls also are proficient in hockey, and in ice racing. Miss

Gertrude Mohler attains speed very close to that of men skaters.

Women are steadily gaining on men in basketball, offsetting man's natural superior weight by their greater natural agility and team work. Even in baseball the Kansas City Bloomer Girls' team recently played one of the best semi-professional men's teams of New Jersey and emerged victorious.



The first woman in history to capture a world's athletic championship from a man—Sybil Bauer, 18-year-old college girl, setting a new record for the 440-yard backstroke swim.



Flying tackles, line bucks, forward passes—all the grueling plays of the gridiron—are enjoyed by these girl football players at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.



A golf champion at 18, Glenna Collett has driven a golf ball 313 yards, or only 28 yards less than the world's record drive by Abe Mitchell, famous British golfer.

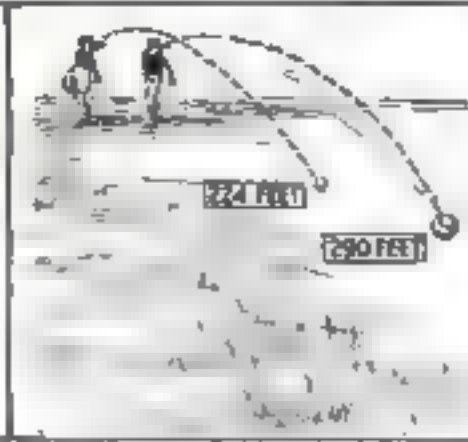
Records that Show Women Athletes Are Running Close Second to Men



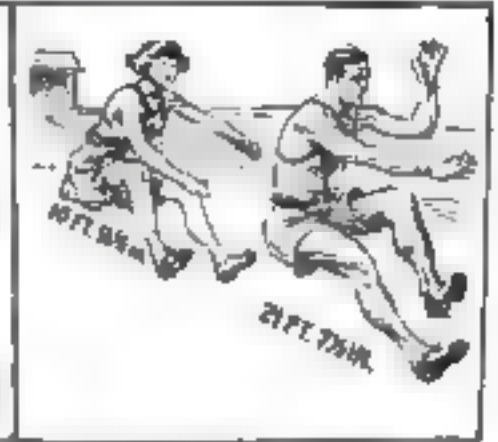
Hundred-yard dash



Driving golf ball



Throwing the baseball



Running broad jump

And women are now throwing themselves into a supposedly exclusive sport for men. The football team of the George Peabody Teachers College of Nashville, Tenn., attracted considerable attention last season.

The first real track meet for women was held last summer in New York. Yet the marks set compare favorably with those of young men of the same age and development. School-girls can now run the 100-yard dash in 12 seconds or better, as compared with 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ seconds for boys of the same age; Miss Rhea Riedel threw a javelin 98 feet; Maude Rosenbaum threw a basketball 94 feet two inches; and Eleanor Churchill a baseball 224 feet four inches, as compared with a man's record of

Are You Getting the Right Kind of Exercise?

IMPORTANT new truths about exercise in relation to your particular job or profession—facts that you can use every day in the year to keep yourself fit—will be revealed for the first time in next month's issue of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY by a national authority on the subject, Dr. C. Ward Crampton, aide to Secretary of War Weeks in his nation-wide campaign for better American manhood.

Doctor Crampton will tell you exactly what sort of exercise you need—whether you are a business executive, a clerk, a mechanic, or an outdoor worker—and why you need it. And he will give you some simple tests that will enable you to determine whether you are keeping your physical condition up to normal.

Valeour Club, without preliminary coaching, ran a 440-yard relay, each running 110 yards in 55.8-6 seconds, a really fast time for boys of their age.

Will women ever approach men in throwing weights and other feats of sheer strength? One girl, Margaret Mitchell, already has "put" a 12-pound shot 28 feet four inches, and is likely to shatter that mark soon. A high school boy of her age would do well to heave it 35 feet.

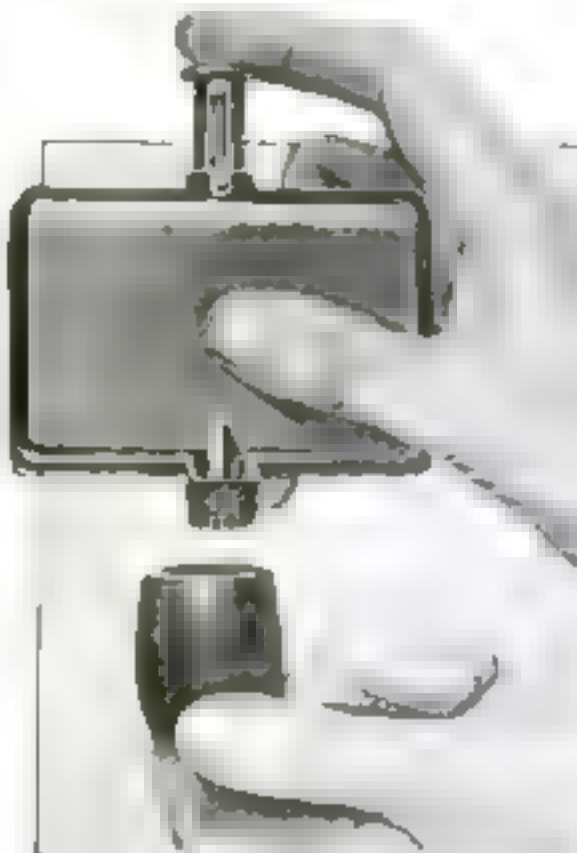
290 feet, Ellen Hayes hopped, skipped and jumped 33 feet six inches, and Maud Devore broad jumped 16 feet 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches, or only four feet 10 inches less than the world record set by man.

Just a few weeks ago, four girls of the

Sybil Bauer's swimming record, of course, will spur women on to accomplish greater athletic achievements. What she did, others can do, and in a few years I believe you will see many of the marks set by men falling before sturdy women athletes.

Pocket "Gun" Shoots Tobacco into Pipe

AMONG recent novelties for pipe smokers is a pocket "gun" holding eight tobacco cartridges. The case is equipped with a plunger that forces the tobacco from the cartridge and rams it into the pipe. When not in use, the plunger rests in the groove that separates the two layers of tobacco cartridges.



A plunger forces cartridge of tobacco into the pipe

"Feeler" Car Records Bridge Clearance



When "Feelers" on this queer-looking railroad car take the sides and top of bridge or tunnel, they record clearance in feet. Another device measures curvature of rails.

A SPECIALLY designed railway car, which not only measures accurately the clearances of bridges and of other objects along the line, but also records the curvature of rails and the height of one rail above the other where tracks are banked at curves, is being operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The car makes its record while traveling at four miles an hour. It has two templates, one of which has attached to it a number of hinged extensions or feelers of steel, spaced six inches on centers. In passing a bridge, the feelers strike the sides and top

of the bridge and are deflected to the angle that permits clearance.

The amount of this deflection is recorded automatically. For higher bridges a second template is raised by a jack screw and similar readings are taken.

The movement of a pendulum located in the center of the car, shows the height of one rail over another, while still another arrangement shows the curvature of the track.

Millions of Tons of Fuel Lie Unused in Peat Bogs

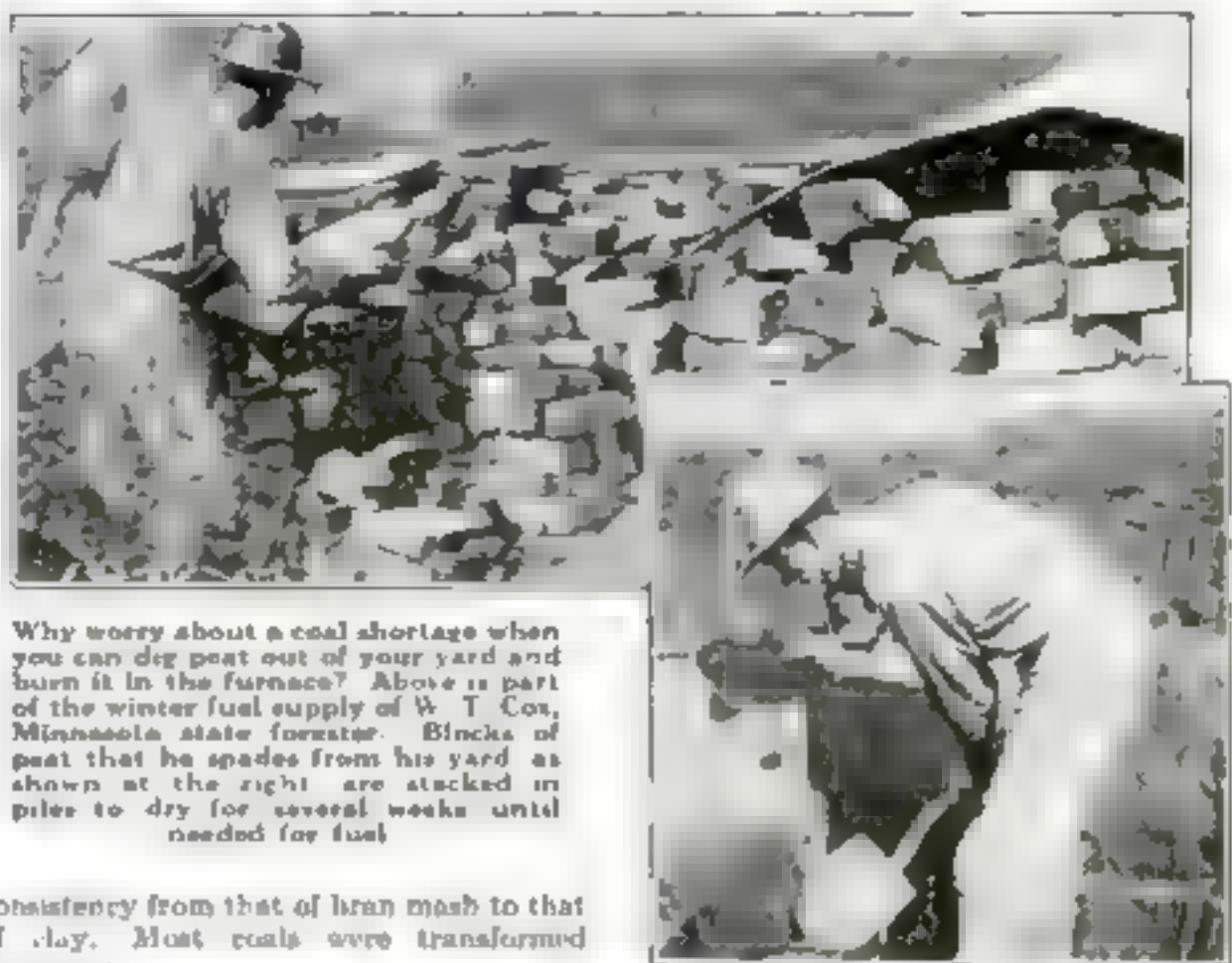
WITH his coalbin depleted of its last shovelful, W. T. Cox, state forester of Minnesota, went out into his back yard during the past winter and dug up enough peat to keep him in fuel. In so doing he set an example for thousands of other families in his state, who "mined" enough of the long overlooked substitute to tide them over the coal shortage.

In 85 of the 86 counties of Minnesota, according to Cox, there are more than 6,000,000 acres of peat lands. He says that nearly every farmer in the state could be independent of the coal dealer if he would only consume the substitute used so widely in Europe.

Billions of Tons Available

And Minnesota is not the only state in the Union thus neglecting its fuel resources, for the total deposits in the United States are said to contain 14,000,000,000 tons—enough to supply Europe, at its present rate of consumption of 20,000,000 tons a year, for 700 years. A large part of this peat is well adapted to power production. Peat ashes also are useful in tanning leather and in making antiseptics, cement, and fertilizer.

Peat is a spongy substance, found in almost every bog or marsh. It represents one of the phases in the slow decay of vegetable matter through the ages. When plant remains fall upon drained soil, they are promptly attacked by bacteria and soon disappear. But when they fall into water, the acids formed retard the decay—by destroying bacteria, and a large proportion of the carbon matter in the plant material is saved. In color, peat varies from light brown to black, and in



Why worry about a coal shortage when you can dig peat out of your yard and burn it in the furnace? Above is part of the winter fuel supply of W. T. Cox, Minnesota state forester. Blocks of peat that he spades from his yard as shown at the right are stacked in piles to dry for several weeks until needed for fuel.

consistency from that of bran mash to that of clay. Most coals were transformed from peat.

Some advance has been made in the recovery of commercial peat in other states than Minnesota. In the great Dismal Swamp, in Virginia, for example, peat deposits covering almost 1000 square miles to a depth of from 15 to 20 feet are being mined by two large corporations that were awake to its marketable value.

The harvesting of peat is still generally done with a hand spade with sides and back forming a mold. Blocks removed by this tool are placed in piles in the air,

and are turned time after time. When dry, they are ready for burning. In Europe a pressure method of drying peat in large quantities has recently been invented.

In its natural state peat has not the heat capacity of coal, but when pulverized to a fine flour and blown under a boiler, it is an excellent fuel for commercial work. The natural peat blocks, however, can be used effectively in a small furnace, stove, or fireplace.

Print Radio Newspaper "On the Run"

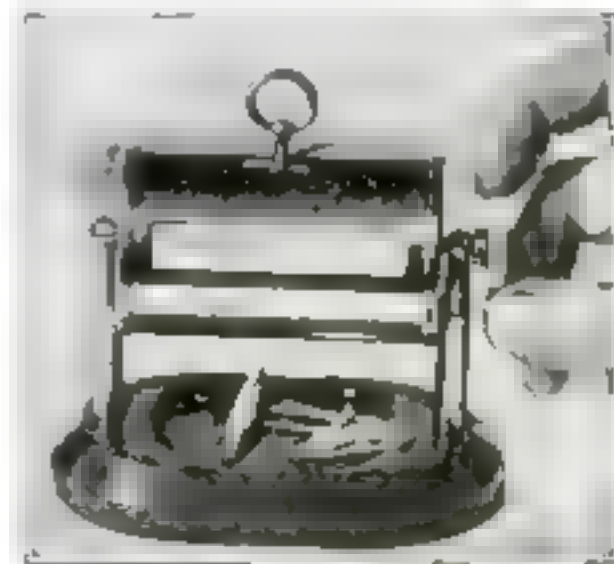
THE feat of editing and printing 10,000 copies of the Yankton (S. Dak.) Press and Dakotan in 23 editions in 23 towns in the course of a 300-mile automobile trip was recently accomplished with the aid of radio.

From a radio car fitted with complete receiving apparatus, up-to-the-minute state news and Associated Press

despatches sent by Yankton College wireless station, were received. This news, together with local news, was edited, set up, and run on a multi-graph press in a press car. Type was set while a stop was being made and the next edition was run off while the cars were on their way to the next town.



Here is the complete automobile newspaper plant. At left is radio car showing operator receiving news despatches, and at right is automobile multigraph plant.



A Desk "Office Boy"

A SIMPLE office desk device that does the work of office boy or secretary in informing visitors whether the business executive is absent, where he is, and when he may be expected to return, consists of a stand that supports a drum in which is a rotating cylinder. Upon this cylinder are 17 readings that cover periods of time in the ordinary business day. The departing executive need only turn a knob until the proper reading appears.

When not used for this purpose, it forms a convenient paper holder and tray for pens and paper fasteners.

THE Editor will be glad to supply, wherever possible, names and addresses of manufacturers of devices mentioned in this issue.

Postal Inventor Devises Miles of Belt Conveyors to



CHICAGO has practically completed the most marvelous post office in the world—a post office built for speed where it is a change, not a rule. Mechanical inventions will keep parcels on the move every minute of the day, from the time they enter the building until they are loaded on trains for their destinations.

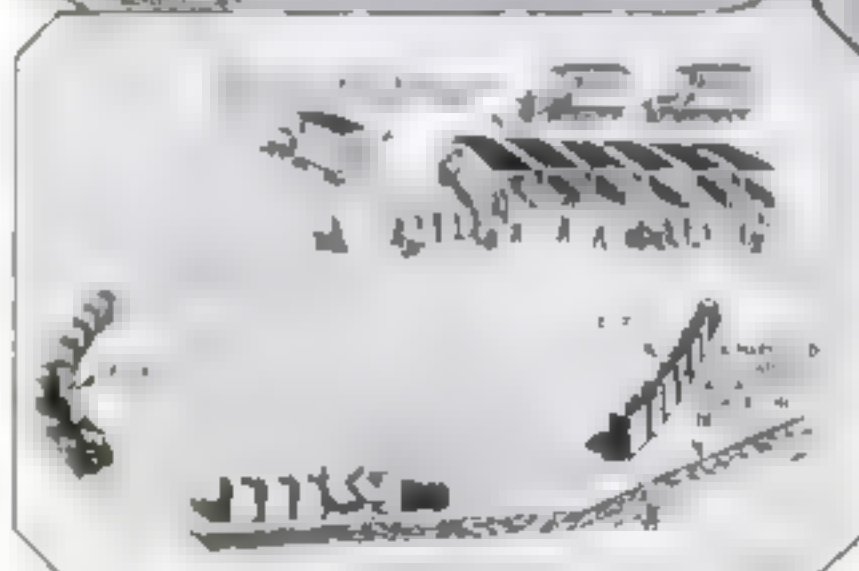
Machines that Spell Speed

More than four miles of belt conveyors that will handle 10,000 sacks of parcel post every hour; ingenious mobile hand trucks that can be loaded with mail at business houses, hauled to the post office on motor trucks, coupled into miniature freight trains and dumped with lightning speed; amazing sorting belts, chutes, and overhead carrier systems—these are just a few of the working parts that will make up one immense post office unit of half a million square feet capacity. Running with machine-like precision, making use of every square inch of its capacity, substituting machinery for sorting and tossing by hand, Uncle Sam's new mail clearing house in Chicago is expected to establish a world's speed record of more than 800 tons of parcel post a day!

And not the least of the marvels of this gigantic postal machine is the fact that it was conceived and designed, almost in its entirety, in the mind of a single man, P. J. Madigan, of the Chicago postal service—a man of unusual mechanical skill, whose chosen work has been the

improvement of methods of handling mail. He is linked with the history of the postal service, and to his job, and his distinction and success. Nearly every inch of the Chicago post office is the product of his skill and experiment, as are a score of new machines.

When Madigan joined the Chicago postal service in 1894, nearly all the work was performed by hand. Cancelling machines were the only machines in general use. Since then, gearless cancelling machines, improved carriers for pneumatic tube systems, belt conveyor facing tables, an overhead system for handling primary mail, and a score of other time and labor saving improvements have been added, and a large proportion of



Specially designed container trucks on wheels, used for mail receptacles at Chicago business houses, are picked up by motor trucks, unloaded at the post office, hitched together in a train, and drawn by tractor to a feed belt, where they unload their mail without stopping.

them have originated in Madigan's brain.

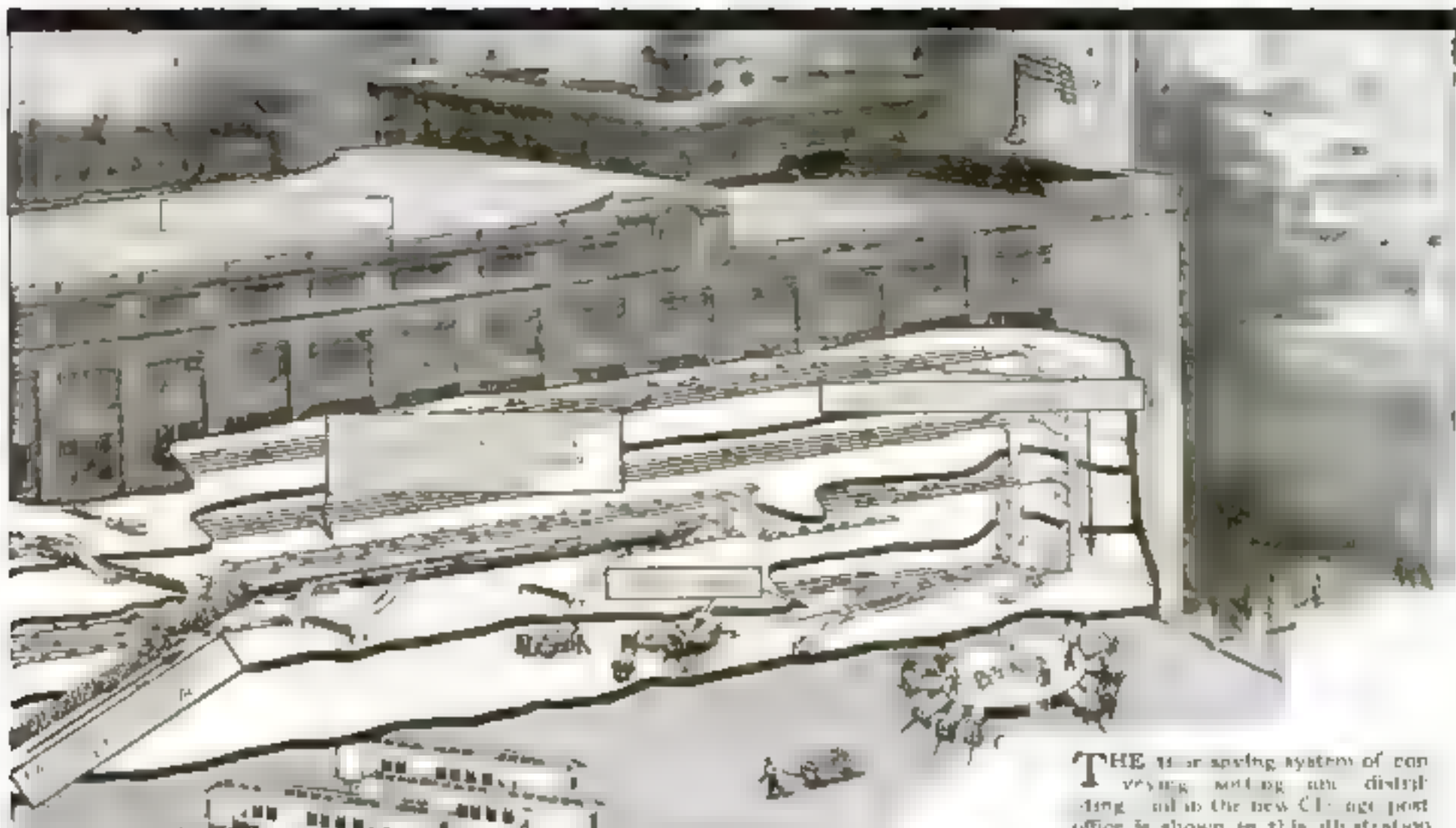
His inventions were installed first in the Quincy Street station, Chicago, where he was in charge. There they proved so successful that they were adopted on a larger scale in the new post office.

Every unit for handling parcel post was designed to keep parcels on the move. And in accomplishing this, the simple little hand truck container already mentioned, is perhaps the most effective of all. Mounted on casters and equipped with a tilting device that permits the top of the truck to swing forward toward

Why Some of Your Letters Go Astray

STATISTICS gathered by the Chicago post office department show that last year one out of every 150 packages received went astray because of incorrect address. Of 2,266,243,054 pieces of mail, statistics show that 6,758,000 were returned to the sender, 1,021,300 were corrected and forwarded, 4,370,500 were held for postage, 97,800 bore no address of any kind, and 2,905,000 had to be disposed of as waste. This made a total of 15,182,600 pieces of mail incompletely or wrongly addressed or wrapped.

Keep the Mail Moving in New Chicago Post Office



THE transporting system of conveying, sorting and distributing mail in the new Chicago post office is shown in this illustration. Incoming mail is first dumped on a platform, sorted, and carried by separation conveyors to various destinations in the building according to the class of mail. It is then sorted according to addresses and conveyed to packing tables. From there it proceeds to chutes, dropping to outgoing trains.

the operator and the bottom to open the truck entirely eliminates the time-consuming sacking of parcels.

Nearly 80 per cent of mail packages received at the post office come from business houses. By the new system, motor trucks are used to bring mail to the post office. The mail is dumped off the truck and eight or ten of them are dumped together into a tray. A motor tractor then comes along, picks up the tray, and puts it past a trough into which the



arrives, unloads, and reloads with empty trays in just seven minutes.

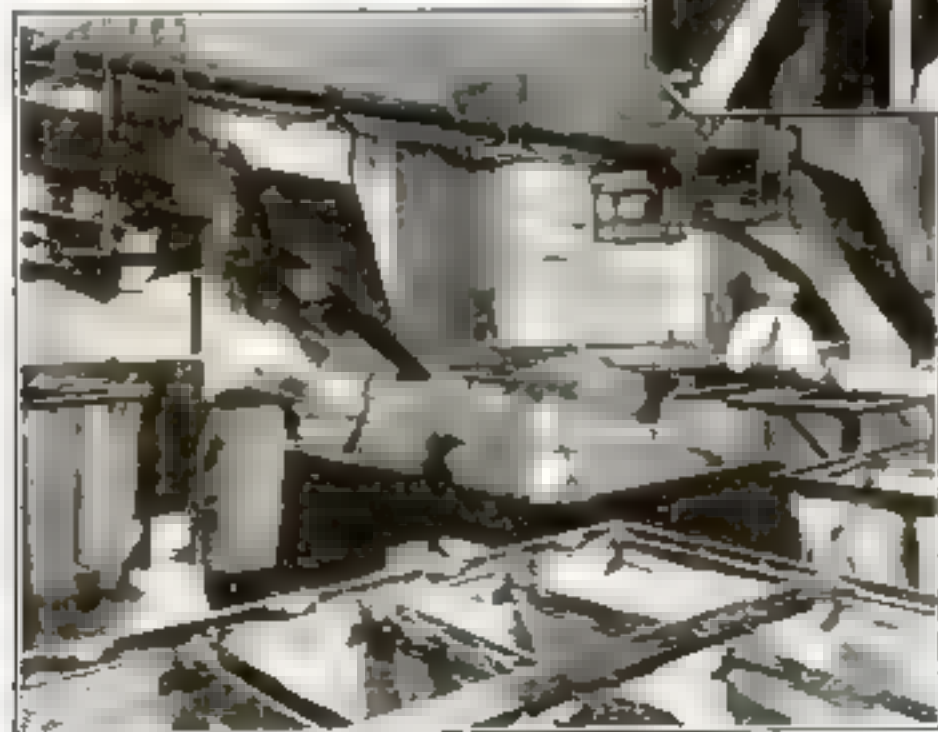
Once on the feed belt, the parcels travel to "separation units," or distribution points, on the third floor, where they are sorted. Belts moving from these separation units carry the parcels to their various destinations, all arranged in a long series back to the first floor, where the parcels are delivered to other belts, the feed belt on the first floor.

All separation belts on the third floor, except that which handles uncancelled mail, deliver to spiral chutes leading to the second floor, where parcels are sacked and dropped through openings in the floor to rolling belts that deliver through chutes to the train level. During the process of sorting, 40 men can stand at the terminal of each feed belt.

Mail Congestion Is Prevented

The saving of time effected by Madigan's overhead conveyor system is shown by the fact that under the old method letters posted in the early afternoon and dumped on the facing table might be buried by a later batch of mail dumped on top of them before they could reach the canceling machine. The overhead system of handling completely eliminates such delays.

An idea of the expected capacity of the new post office may be gained from the fact that its equipment is expected to double the speed record of the equipment installed by Madigan in the Quincy Street station, which last year handled 422 tons of parcel post in one day.

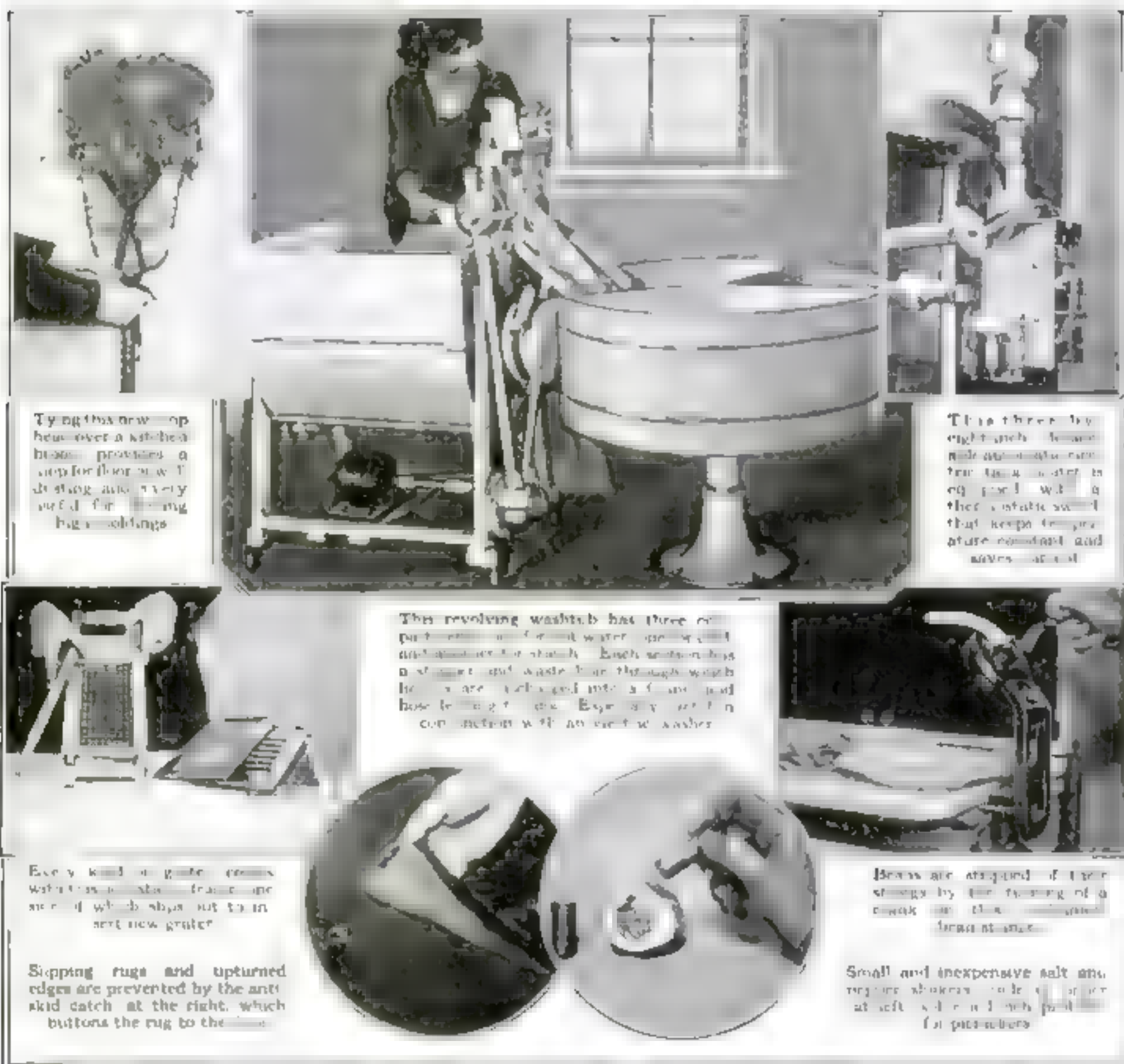


Forty men stand at the terminal of each feed belt and sort mail in the Chicago post office, as shown in upper photograph. Sacking at the bottom of the delivery chutes is made easier by the racks shown in lower view.

packages are dumped from the trucks by a special device.

Along the trough a feed belt moves the mail up to the sorting table. The mail is then carried by a motor tractor to the sorting table without clogging the conveyor or slowing the train. As soon as the mail is sorted, it is loaded back on motor trucks and returned to business houses. By this system one motor truck

Three-in-One Washtub—New Household Inventions



Tying this new mop head over a kitchen broom provides a mop for floor mopping, dusting and a very useful for hanging big washings.

This three-by-eight-inch frame made of aluminum tubing is a sturdy and elegant support for the tub. It has a static wheel that keeps the tub steady and wobble-free.

This revolving washtub has three compartments for hot water, cold water and suds. Each section has a drain and waste line through which the water is discharged into a drain and hose leading to the sewer. Especially useful in connection with an electric washer.

Every kind of grater, from the smallest to the largest, can be used with this new grater. The grater is mounted on a frame and the food is pushed out to the next new grater.

Slipping rugs and upturned edges are prevented by the anti-skid catch at the right, which buttons the rug to the tub.

Beans are arranged in their strings by the turning of a crank on the side of the tub.

Small and inexpensive salt and vinegar shakers can be used for all sorts of pickles.

Cheaper Print Paper Made from Weedlike Water Plants

THROUGH the invention of a process for the production of cellulose in commercial quantities from reeds, rushes, and other weedlike water plants that clog lakes, rivers and swamps, German scientists claim to have solved the print paper problem, providing a comparatively cheap substitute for the world's diminishing supply of wood pulp.

The most common plants used in making the cellulose from which paper is manufactured are reeds, rushes, flax stems, savannah grass, sugar cane, jute, and bamboo. It is said that almost any kind of grain



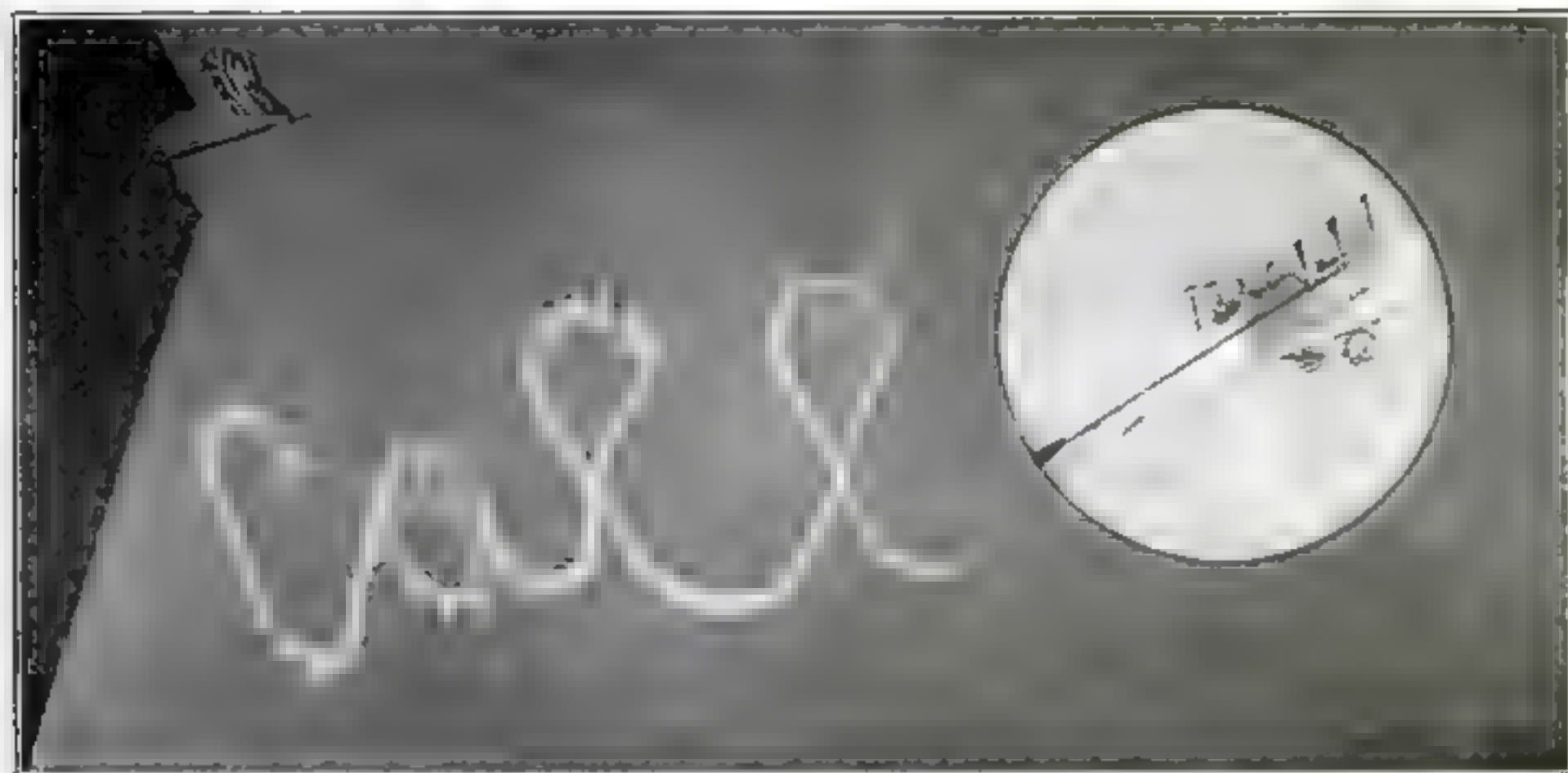
A mower mounted on a small flat boat cuts and harvests reeds and rushes from streams for use in manufacturing print paper.

stems can be used also. New crops are available at all seasons of the year in various parts of the world.

The actual manufacture of the paper, according to reports, requires only two hours and is far cheaper than the wood pulp process. In fact, it is claimed that the price of the new paper will be 60 per cent less than the present price of pulpwood paper.

Cardboard also is produced by the new process. Indeed, despatches from Berlin say that already more than 50,000 inner soles for shoes have been manufactured from reeds and rushes.

Sky Writing to Tell New Facts about Airplanes



The word "Call" written across the sky above New York in smoke letters half a mile high by an airplane piloted by Capt. Cyril Turner

GIGANTIC words of smoke written across the sky by an airplane in letters half a mile high recently startled New York. The new method of advertising was invented and perfected by Capt. Jack Savage in England.

The words are written by maneuvering a plane carrying special smoke generators that discharge smoke produced at the rate of 1,000,000 cubic feet a second by chemicals that react on each other without producing combustion. When written at a height of 10,000 feet, the letters are visible over an area of 100



square miles for a period of from 20 minutes to an hour.

Sky writing, of course, has tremendous advantages in advertising because of the fact that an ad that may be seen by 1,000,000 people (if made above New York) may be produced for \$200.

At left—How the inventor of smoke writing proposes to use his invention to study new airplane designs by photographing ribbons of smoke

Captain Savage also sees in the scheme a method for studying air currents and the efficiency of planes. For this he proposes smoke generators located in the forward part of a plane. The downwash, slipstream, and eddies of air around the wings and projecting parts of a plane may be studied by photographing from another plane the ribbons of smoke enveloping the machine being tested.

Captain Savage is now investigating a plan for sky writing at night, using luminous smoke.

"Burbank of Strawberries" Pays \$50,000 for New Variety

WOULD you pay \$50,000 for the right to propagate a single strawberry?

That is what Frank E. Beatty, president of a Three Rivers, Mich., fruit growing concern, did recently. And yet, the buyer does not consider the price he paid too great. In fact, he is willing to risk his reputation on the statement that "the plant will revolutionize the strawberry industry."

Beatty, an expert in strawberry culture, has been unusually successful with four varieties of the plant. He claims that the \$50,000 strawberry plant, which will be known as the "Rockhill," in honor of its originator, Conrad Rockhill—

Produces more, larger, and better berries in early summer than any of the varieties now being grown.

Continues its heavy fruiting during fall months until snow lies.

Produces berries of firm texture, which will withstand long shipments.

Surpasses all other varieties, irrespective of climatic conditions, in productiveness and quality of berries.

Beatty further claims that the plants root deeply, grow luxuriant, tough leaves free from plant diseases, and possess surprising vitality that enables them to produce abundantly.



For the right to propagate the immense strawberry plant above, Frank Beatty, the "Burbank of Strawberries," at right paid \$50,000

According to the Department of Agriculture, the strawberry is the most valuable of all our small fruits, covering three fourths of the total fruit raising area in the United States. From a commercial standpoint, the chief value of the Beatty plant lies in the durability of the berries after they are picked; for the price of strawberries on the market is largely governed by the fact that so many spoil while being transported to market.

The garden berry is an American product, the result of a cross between the "pine" strawberry of Europe and the American wild strawberry, produced by Hovey, "father of the American strawberry."

Mechanical "White Wings" Guard City Health

ONE of the most pressing problems of modern municipal administration is keeping the streets of our great cities clean," says Commissioner A. R. Taylor, of the New York Street Cleaning Department.

"The tremendous increase of pedestrian and motor traffic makes it increasingly difficult to keep our highways free from germ-laden dust which not only spreads disease, but destroys our clothing, buildings, and merchandise. In New York City 1280 miles of paved area is cleaned daily, 4700 cubic yards of dirt collected, and 8,000,000 gallons of water used to flush the streets."

Street Vacuum Sweepers

The day of the familiar "white wing" is passing, for hand methods no longer can cope with the mountains of dirt and dust deposited by the increasing horde of autos. Other cities, both abroad and in this country, are meeting the problem with cleverly designed motor driven vacuum street sweepers.

These vacuum sweepers not only pick up dust and dirt from the street, spraying at the same time, but also have attachments for cleaning gutters, into which much of the refuse necessarily is swept.

One ingenious machine, the product of a Sandusky, Ohio, firm, operates like a vacuum carpet sweeper. A huge fan broom in front throws the dust which has been sprayed into the field of vacuum suction. In St. Louis, within a period of 12 months, or 232 nights of sweeping, these

vacuum cleaners picked up 3,448,300 pounds of dirt and dust, cleaning an area of 54,843,152 square yards.

Another machine found to be extremely efficient is produced by a Springfield, Ohio, firm. It was designed to eliminate those features objectionable in earlier motor driven sweepers: excessively wide pick-up brooms, requiring excessively wide elevator belts and perishable wooden brushes.

Fine rotary disk steel brushes scrub

Replacing the familiar "White Wing," motor driven sweepers like those shown below are cleaning city streets of refuse and disease breeding dust.



Brushes at the side of the machine shown above sweep dirt with a scrubbing motion into a windrow, deliver it by broom to an elevator belt and finally to a dumping hopper.

Operating like vacuum carpet sweepers, the machines at right suck up dirt and blow it into trailer vans.



blow it into a windrow that a pick-up broom, 10 feet wide, delivers it to the elevator belt, which carries it to the dumping vice in the rear. Steel brushes last longer and sweep cleaner than the wooden brushes formerly used. A spraying device keeps down dust while the machine is sweeping.

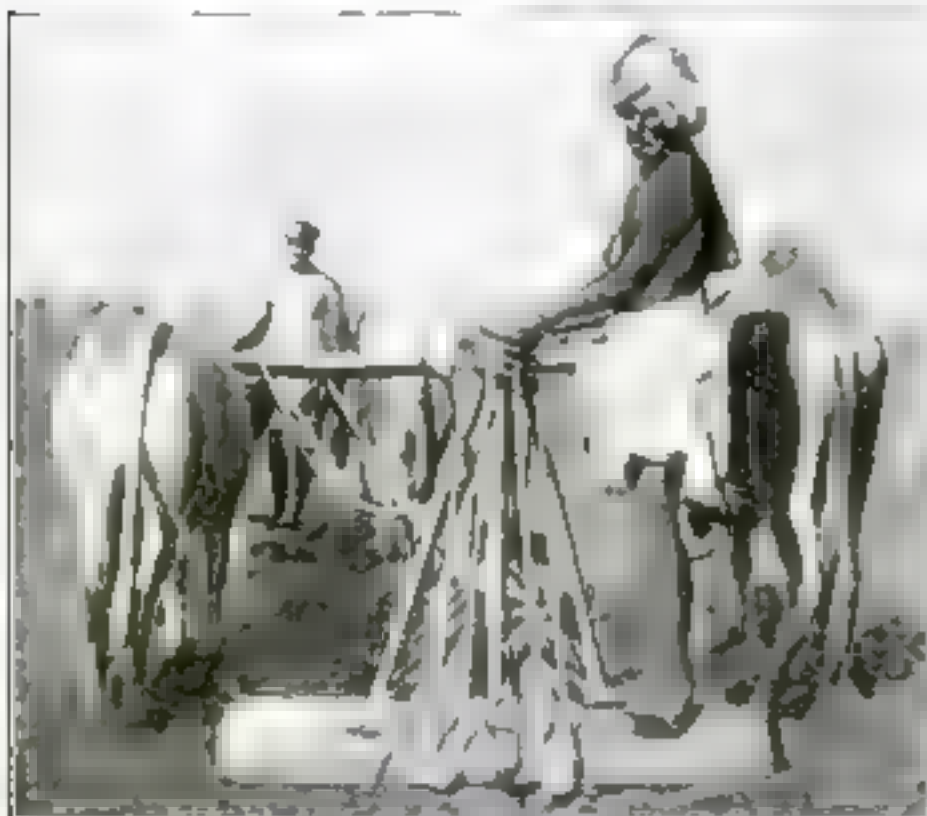
Ancient Planting Machine Used in India

THREE hollow bamboo poles fastened in an upright position to the front edge of a thick plank so that their ends come just in front of three wooden harrow teeth, are the essential features of a semi-auto-

matic seeding machine invented centuries ago by the natives of India, and still used by the farmers of the South Deccan.

The bamboo poles act as pipes, and at the upper end all pass through the bottom of a small wooden bowl that holds about a quart of grain. An abundance of cheap handmade rope is wound around the structure to give strength.

One man drives the team of bullocks that pull the seeder over the plowed field, and a second man operates the contrivance. The sower fills his loin girdle with grain, and stands upon the plank. As the team gets under way, he puts small handfuls of grain into the bowl. The seed falls through the poles to the ground, where it is covered with earth by a harrow fastened underneath the plank.



Seeds fed into a small bowl drop through bamboo tubes to the ground and are covered with earth by harrow teeth.

Nozzle for Auto Washing Fits Palm of Hand

AMONG the novelties in garage accessories is an aluminum nozzle small enough to fit in the palm of a person's hand, and which may be used for washing automobiles. It is screwed to the end of a hose attached to a hydrant faucet and emits a fine but powerful spray for rinsing purposes.

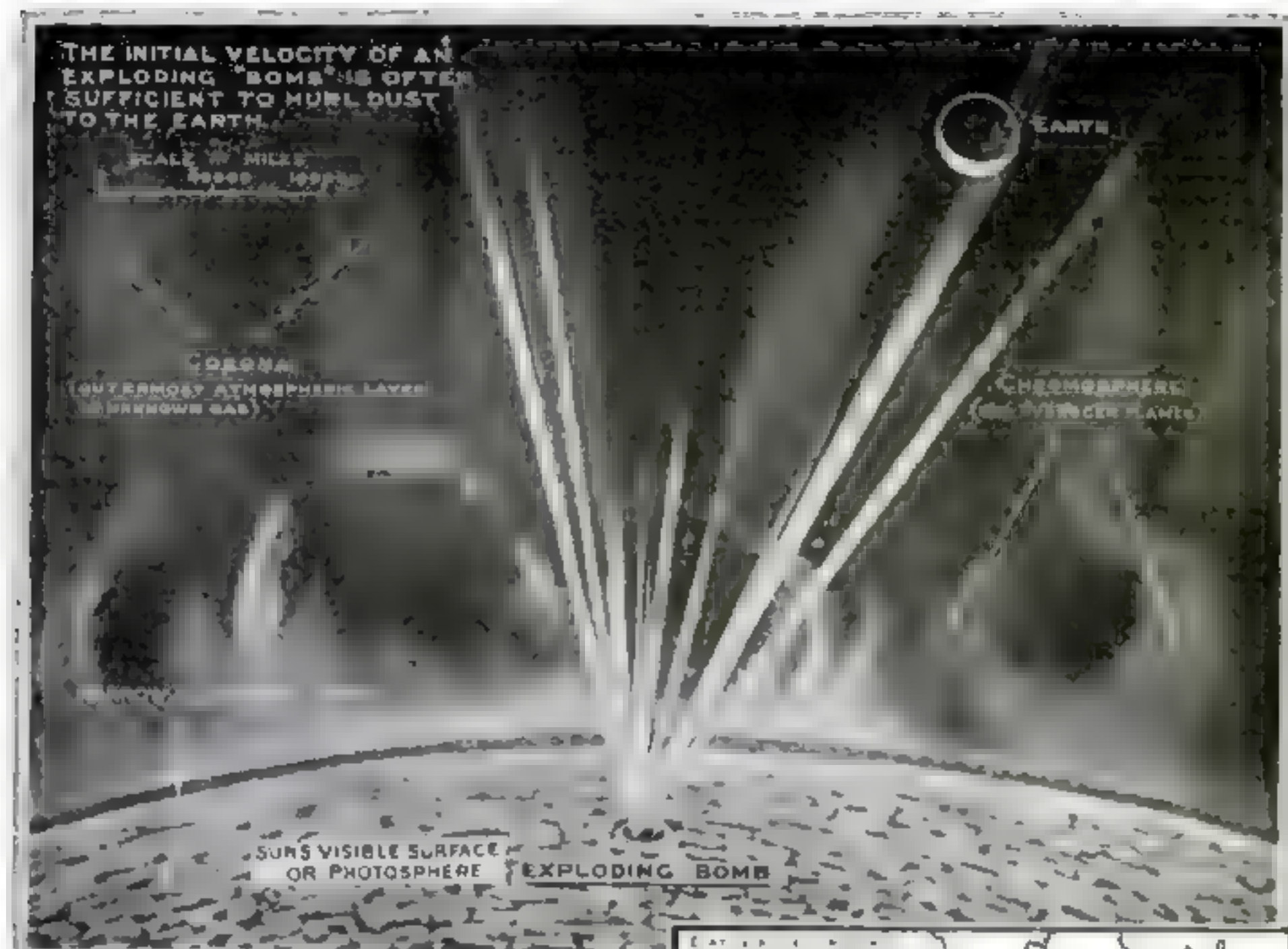
When used with a sponge, the nozzle does not send out a spray, but allows a copious supply of water to percolate through the pores of the sponge, keeping constantly wet while it is in use.

In using the washer, the nozzle is held in the right hand, with the fingers over a curved bar. Pressure on the bar turns on the water, and releasing the pressure shuts it off. If a sponge is used, it is held over the spray with the fingers of the hand holding the nozzle, while the other hand guides the hose.



Pressure on grip turns on water.

Does Dust Shot from Sun Cause Storms on Earth?



By Scripps Bolton, F.R.A.S.

IN THE earth being bombarded continually by explosions of huge solar bombs," shot from the sun's surface? Science believes that it is and that the air we breathe often becomes abnormally charged with this "bomb" dust causing unnatural vagaries of the weather such as rain and drought.

These solar explosions powerful enough to hurl electrically charged gas, weighing 33,000,000 miles to our earth, are 50,000 times as tremendous as the greatest terrestrial convulsions ever known. Shot forth like great Roman candles from the sun's fiery interior, the bombs are often 1000 miles in diameter and are composed of incandescent hydrogen estimated to have even a higher temperature than that of the sun's surface—15,000° Fahrenheit.

50,000 Volcanoes in One Bomb

Just how terrific the explosions are may be imagined from the fact that the greatest terrestrial convulsion on record—the eruption of the volcano Krakatoa in Sunda Strait, near the island of Java, August 27, 1883—represented but one fifty thousandth part of the energy believed to be released in a single explosion of a solar bomb. The reverberation from the Krakatoa eruption shook our entire globe, sending measurable ripples of air twice around the earth and hurling fine dust to a height of 80 miles. Yet one solar explosion hurls dust particles millions of miles into space.

On the surface of the sun the force of

This diagram shows present scientific knowledge about the sun. From the sun's surface exploding bombs of incandescent vapor exerting a force 50,000 times as great as that of the world's most terrific volcanic eruption, Krakatoa, 1883 bombard us with dust clouds.



gravity, irrespective of atmospheric friction, is powerless to check an upward initial velocity exceeding 335 miles a second. Particles exceeding this velocity when hurled upward by a tremendous solar upheaval fly into space, never to return.

These particles, it is believed, form the dust shoals that bombard our earth and other planets. Since the dust is electrically charged, it probably causes phenomena such as severe magnetic storms during which the compass needle is agitated. On rare occasions the surplus electric charge has been known to paralyze telegraph and tramway services. Moreover, some meteorologists firmly believe that clouds and raindrops would not form in our atmosphere without the presence of this dust. It becomes obvious, therefore, that when the earth is passing through a dust shoal, clouds and rain may be more prevalent, and seasons subjected to bewildering vagaries.

Astronomers now are seeking to discover the cause of these strange solar bomb explosions. While they know practically

nothing about the heart of the sun, they have learned that this nucleus is surrounded by definite concentric layers, first by a luminous envelope of vaporous matter called the "photosphere," which we see when we look at the sun; then by a second layer of glowing gases cooler than the photosphere and forming a smoky veil from 500 to 1000 miles thick; thirdly, by a sea of red, surging fire, consisting chiefly of flaming hydrogen vapor, and called the "chromosphere." From this sea great tongues of hydrogen and calcium vapor flames are driven outward for thousands of miles by some mighty unknown force.

Finally, the outermost region of the sun is an atmospheric layer, consisting of unknown gas, called the "corona," a silvery halo that we can see during an eclipse of the sun.

Scientists tell us that much of the light of this halo probably is sunlight reflected from particles of dust like those that tremendous solar explosions drive to our earth in clouds.

Fog Dispelled by Oil Film on River Surface

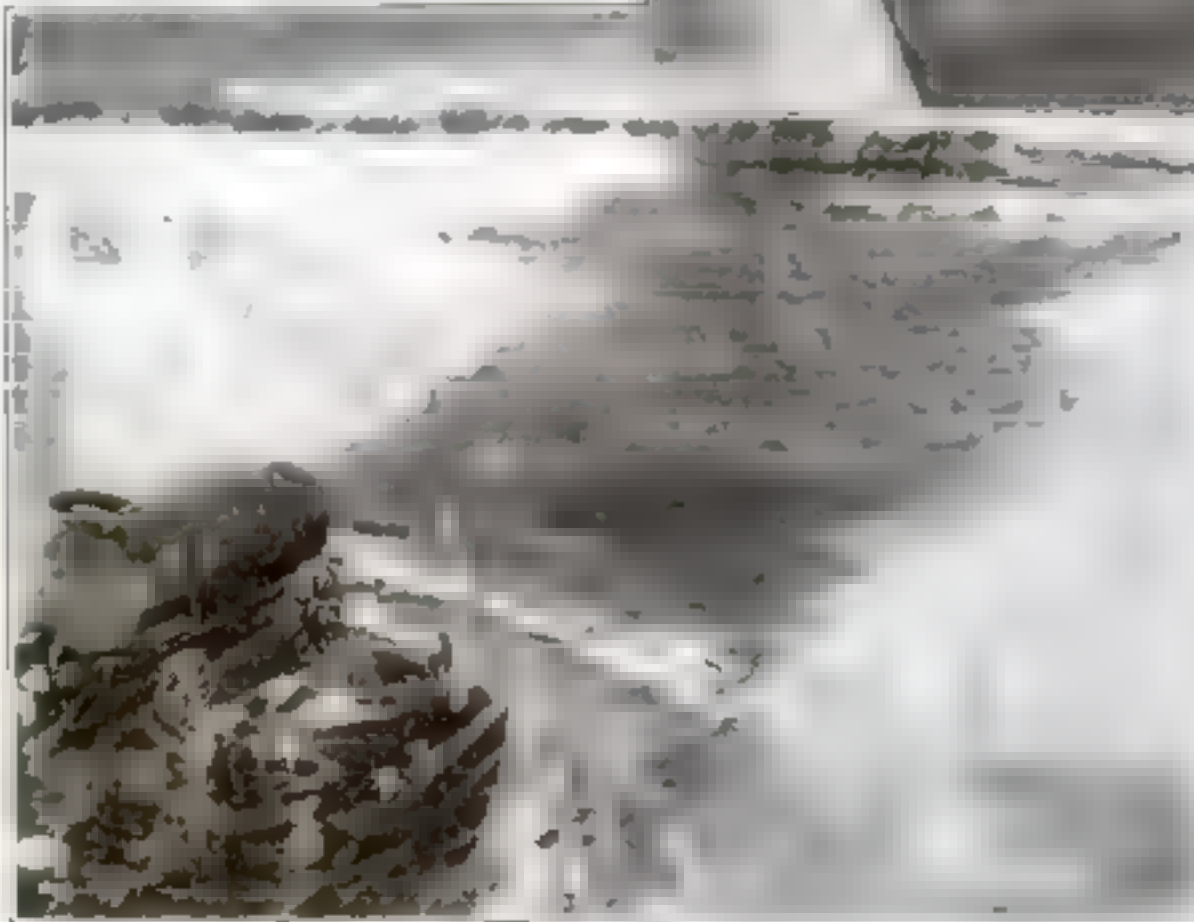
ARMED only with a city sprinkling wagon placed on a government barge, a mixture of oil and organic acid, and data obtained in laboratory experiments, Pittsburgh, Pa., scientists operating with the United States Engineering Department and the Weather Bureau recently outwitted nature, proving that fog prevention is possible.

By pouring an oil film over the surface of the Monongahela River from the Landing, 35 miles south of Pittsburgh to a point 1 1/4 miles upstream, the scientists

succeeded in cutting a distinct lane through the river mists, demonstrating that any city situated on an inland body of water can rid itself of much of its fog nuisance. In Pittsburgh, where the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers join to form the Ohio, the fog nuisance has been so serious at times as to tie up traffic. By shutting off sunlight, it has menaced the city's health and has cost thousands of dollars in damages and in abnormal consumption of electricity for lighting.

The experimenters aboard the government boat "Evelyn" towing a barge equipped with a crude sprinkling apparatus, began their work at 10 o'clock one evening, after a heavy fog had settled. As the sprinkler began pouring a path of oil in the wake of the barge, a strange phenomenon occurred. Everywhere ahead of the boats was a heavy blanket of mist; but in the rear the

Spraying the water with a mixture of oil and organic acid from an oil sprinkling wagon mounted on a city street car experimenters cleared a path through heavy fog on the Monongahela. Fog remained on each side of the oil film, as shown below.



On the following morning, a trip of inspection showed that the oil covered the entire surface, but was too thin in spots to be effective. Yet for the first time in five mornings, government men at the station could see a mile or more.

The following facts are significant:

Less than \$50 worth of oil and organic acid was consumed.

Seventy-five hundred gallons of oil were used.

At present, the oil

fog had been split apart and the air was clear. This path of clear air widened rapidly as the oil film spread. The phenomenon continued for four hours, when the oil supply gave out.

possible a film of one one-thousandth of an inch in thickness—the thinnest film ever created in open air.

The treated oil spreads 25 times as fast as untreated oil.

Speedy New Battle Tanks for Army

FOLLOWING recent amazing exhibitions by a new amphibious gun carriage tank that "runs like a rabbit, climbs like a squirrel, and swims like an otter," nearly a hundred military authorities of this country pronounced it one of the most revolutionary war machines ever invented. Now a second new development of the war tank, exhibited by the army at Washington, known as a "speedster," attains a speed of 40 miles an hour, and is considered almost shellproof because of the pace it sets.

Tank Crosses the Hudson River

The amphibious tank, carrying a "six pounder" and three machine guns, traveled at a speed of 30 miles an hour down Riverside Drive, New York City, was then converted into a tractor and easily climbed a 45-degree hill, finally completing its performance by accomplishing the astounding feat of propelling itself across the Hudson River and back—17 miles each way—in 44 minutes.

Uncle Sam owns the patents on this tank, which is the result of work by Walter Christie, former daredevil auto driver. The tank, 15 feet long, six feet wide, and



The army's new "speedster" tank, shown at left, is equipped for long distance runs and can attain a speed of 40 miles an hour. Below The Christie amphibious tank is shown starting to climb a 45-degree hill in a recent amazing exhibition in New York City, afterward propelling itself across the Hudson like a boat.

The new speedster tank is equipped for long runs, carries a 60-millimeter field gun, can be converted into a tractor and supplies and ammunition for 10 days.



Sugar Syrup Prevents Frozen Radiators

TO PREVENT automobile radiators from freezing, glucose—or sugar syrup—has been recommended by Dr. Charles H. La Wall, of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, as a substitute for anti-freezing compounds containing denatured or wood alcohol.

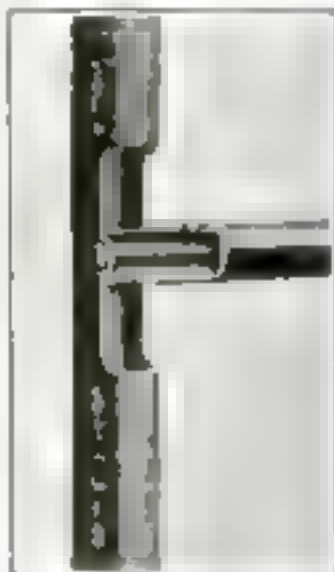
Because glucose does not evaporate, Doctor Wall declares it is far superior to other mixtures. Using about a pint and a half of ordinary confectioners' glucose to a gallon of water, he finds that the mixture starts to become slushy at a temperature of about 10 degrees above zero, but that it does not actually freeze and harden even at six degrees below zero.

The mixture does not corrode metal parts, he says, nor does it affect rubber.

Ladder of Steel Tubing Is Light and Durable

STEEL tubing is being used by a Detroit concern in the manufacture of ladders, which, it is claimed, are lighter and stronger than wooden ladders.

Oval tubing of specially tempered steel used for the side members is drilled to take round tubular rungs. Threaded tie bolts through the centers of the rungs hold the ladder together.



How rung is joined to side members

This Rudder Steers or Propels Rowboat

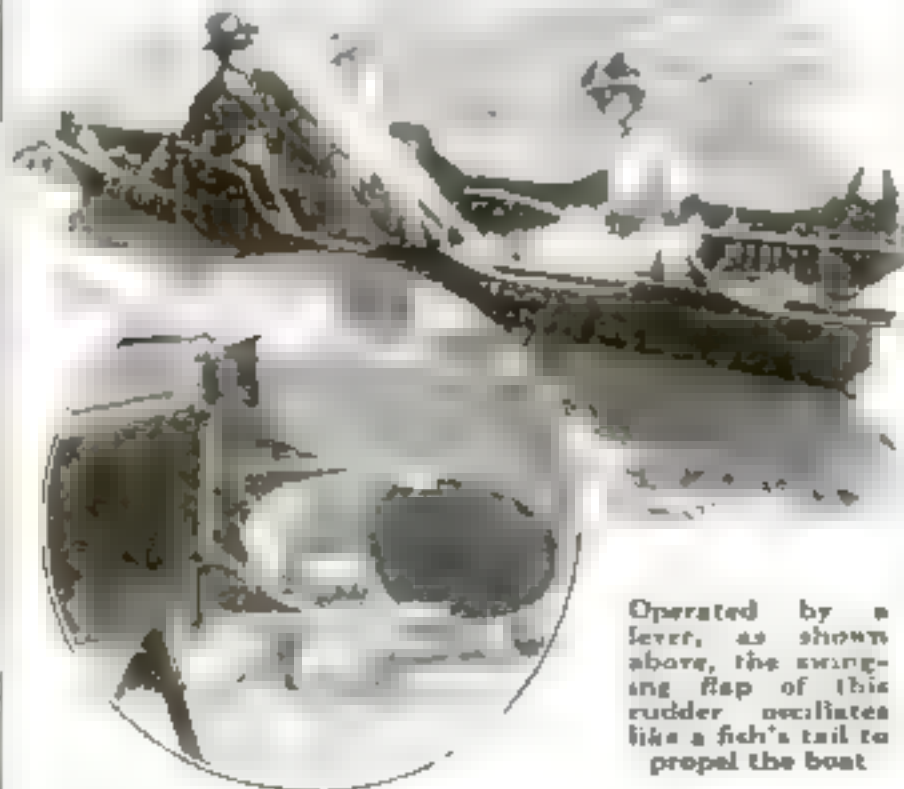
A NOVEL rowboat rudder that may be used either for steering or for propulsion has a rudder board cut in the form of a U. When the rudder is

to be used for steering only, this opening is closed with an oval flap hinged to the arms of the U. When this flap is swung free, it trails in the wake of the rudder.

If the rudder is to be used for sculling, one end of the crossbar of the rudder post is connected by an iron rod with a lever that is moved forward and backward like a pump handle. This causes the rudder with its swinging flap to oscillate horizontally like the tail of a fish, and imparts to the boat a forward motion of fair speed, not as great, however, as that imparted to it by the

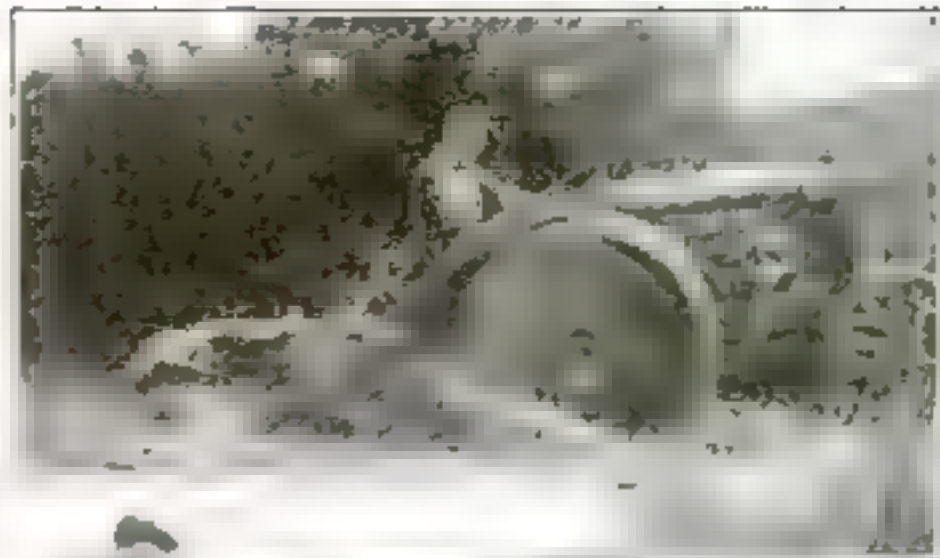
of a pair of vigorously pulled oars.

Operated by a lever, as shown above, the swinging flap of this rudder oscillates like a fish's tail to propel the boat.



Flexible Plow Is Unit with Tractor

By an ingenious method of attachment, a new type of tractor plow recently introduced from the United States by Harry Ferguson of Lifford, Ireland, connects a unit with the machine that hauls it. Owing to this feature, the



Forming a unit with the tractor, the plow may be raised or lowered as shown at left. If the plow strikes an obstruction, as above, the rear of the tractor is raised automatically so that the wheels spin and the plow is not broken.

of the operator is required to raise the bottoms of the plow from the ground. When raised, the plow is suspended in the air, so that the tractor may be driven over rough country, backed up, or maneuvered in any desired way.

One of the unusual features is that the tractor power is conveyed to the plowshares through an inverted V-shaped arrangement of steel bars. Should the plow strike a rock or any other obstruction, the pull tends to straighten out this V and the bearing is so shifted that the rear of the tractor is raised from the ground. This allows the tractor

wheels to spin and thereby prevents the plow from breaking.

The depth to which the plow penetrates is regulated by a single wheel attached on one side and the tilt of the shares is adjusted by a handle. The entire plow mechanism may be raised by depressing a lever.



Sings as She Writes Three Words at Once

BY WRITING three words at one time and accompanying this feat with a song a young German woman, Thes Alba, recently exhibited her remarkable ability to conduct simultaneously four separate non-related actions.

Many of us who have tried to write a figure eight on the wall while describing a circle with one foot will appreciate the skill required for such performances. It was her ability to execute this exercise that made her aware of her unusual powers. Physicians who became interested in her exhibitions decided to study her actions to determine whether her feats were accomplished by separate yet simultaneous thoughts or by an unusual ability to transfer her thoughts quickly.

If these questions are answered, German psychologists believe they will be able to tell us more definitely about our mental

Young Scientist Explains Why Stucco Houses Crack

BY DELVING into a field hitherto little explored by scientists, Ben H. Peterson, recently graduated student in chemistry at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia., has succeeded in explaining some of the reasons why many stucco homes crack and otherwise deteriorate sooner than they should. His discoveries may serve as a foundation for other experiments that should prove valuable to builders of stucco homes in the future.

Peterson, who did this work preliminary to writing his thesis for graduation, had no references to guide him. He constructed his own testing apparatus, and worked out his own formulas. Two of the devices he used—a machine for measuring the cross-breaking strength of a bar of stucco and a delicate device that measures expansion under various degrees of heat and cold to the millionth of an inch—are so ingenious that he has been advised to have them patented.

During his experiments, the student tested more than 6000 stucco bars of varying compositions and ran more than 2000 analyses. He tested tensile or "stretching" strength, the cross-breaking strength (by which he determined capacity to bear weight), expansion, solubility, and a number of other qualities of the building material. Variation in stucco material, he found, is due chiefly to lime content.

The Effects of Rain

One of Peterson's chief tests proved how much weight a bar of stucco loses by exposure to water. He found that about five per cent of the weight of a stucco bar was lost after the bar was immersed in water for 120 hours. From this he computed how long a stucco building could withstand dissolving by rain and snow.

In general, Peterson's tests tended to show that the cracking of stucco on a house is due not to composition, within certain limits of lime content, but to shrinkage during setting and to the fact that the stresses on wide expanses of the material are not properly taken into consideration when the house is built. He found, however, that an extremely high lime content causes abnormal shrinkage.

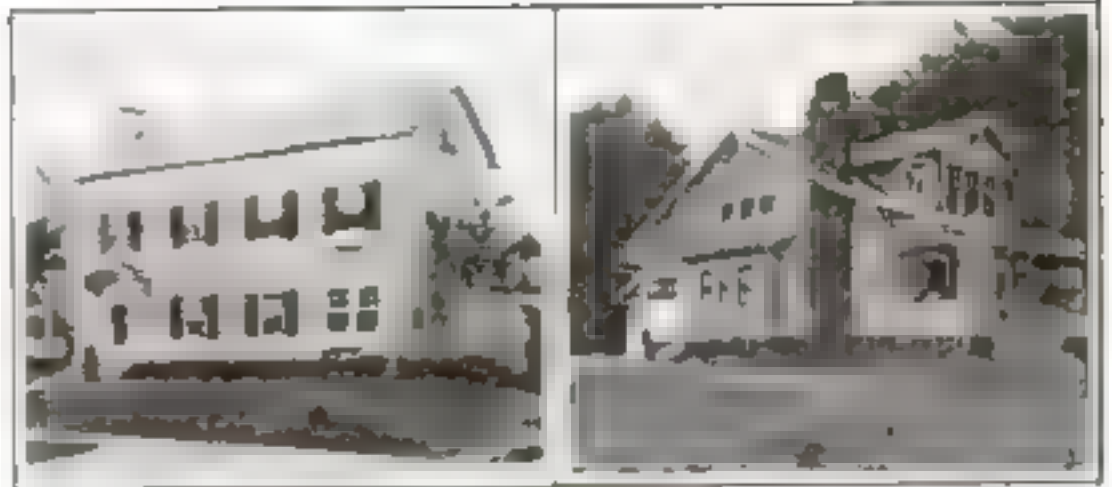
His practical recommendation to architects is that they should panel strips of stucco more than six feet wide, thus relieving the strain caused by varying temperatures, weight, and solubility to rain. Paneling also will facilitate repair,



BEN PETERSON the young student whose experiments have revealed important new facts about stucco construction, is shown above working on the apparatus (described in diagram) with which he tested the cross-breaking strength of a bar of stucco.

Resting the bar on supported rollers, he applied a weight box, connected with a sand box, to the middle of the bar. A stopcock shut off the flow of sand at the breaking point of the bar.

he says. Unbroken strips of stucco all the way across a 30 or 40 foot house, he found, are subjected to fearful strains, even in ordinary ranges of temperature, and are apt to crack.



These two houses show the wrong and the right way of stucco construction, judged by the results of Ben Peterson's experiments. In the house at the left, wide, unbroken expanses of stucco result in cracking, while in the house at the right such expanses are prevented by the broken architectural design.

Small Powered Bench Saw for the Metal Shop

SPEED of production in a shop or factory in which metal rods or pipes must be cut to size in large quantities is being increased by the use of a new and extremely handy power driven bench saw that weighs, with motor, only 40 pounds.

The new saw, driven by one-eighth-horsepower motor, is one-thirty-second of an inch thick and has a diameter of $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Due to the thinness of the blade, there is little waste of stock in cutting.

The work-holding device has the form of pliers with V-shaped jaws, like a pipe vise, and is pivoted to an arm of the saw support. It holds the stock to be sawed at right angles to the plane of the saw.

By lifting the handles of the holder, the operator holds the stock against the teeth of the saw. A stop gage is provided for adjusting the length of the part to be cut off from the stock.

The efficiency of this saw may be judged from some test results. It cut through a one-half-inch round, cold-rolled steel rod in 40 seconds. Through five-eighths-inch brass rod 260 cuts; through three-sixteenths-inch brass rod 1800 cuts; and through five-eighths-inch round hard rubber 1200 cuts were made in one hour.



The new bench saw, showing plier-like device for holding the work.

How Stucco Compares with Frame and Brick

ALTHOUGH it is impossible to give positive comparisons as to the relative cost and durability of brick, frame, and stucco houses, architects generally estimate that on a basis of 20 cents a cubic foot for frame houses, brick houses of the same class cost 22 cents, and stucco approximately 21 cents a cubic foot. In durability, brick construction is rated first; stucco second, and frame third.

As to the relative advantages of each,

the frame buildings are attractive, easiest to build, and lowest in first cost, but are greatly exposed to fire risks and require much upkeep. Stucco homes are considered extremely attractive, are warm in winter and cool in summer, and their first cost, as well as upkeep cost, is low. Brick homes cost most, but, as with the stucco house, again the cost of upkeep is extremely low though they lack somewhat the variety possible with stucco houses of the same price.

Burbank's Own Life Story

CALIFORNIA this month celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of Luther Burbank's wizardry in creating new flowers, fruits and vegetables. This grand old man of plant breeding is one of America's most picturesque and fascinating figures. All his past achievements are dwarfed by the fact that at the age of 74 he has come to cherish the dream of raising a better race of humans according to laws he has discovered in plant raising.

Burbank writes of his work and his dream in an article that every American should read in the April number.

Tree-Destroying Moss Used to Stuff Mattresses

AN INDUSTRY from which the South, especially Louisiana, derives an income of \$8,000,000 annually has been developed by the commercialization of methods of converting the picturesque but tree-destroying "Spanish moss" into a cheap substitute for horsehair for use in mattresses and upholstery.

Spanish moss is the name given by Spanish settlers to an epiphyte or "air plant," gray in color, which hangs from the tree branches in the South, looking like enormous beards. Although like an ordinary parasite in that it grows over the tree, it does not derive its nutrition from the tree, but from the air.

The best Spanish moss grows to a length of four or five feet. Most of it is gathered after cypress trees are felled for the saw-mills.

In the bayou districts, moss gatherers float under trees in flat boats and drag the air plants down with long poles. Then they carry the moss in bundles to their homes, where they heap it in big piles, sprinkling these with water, which causes the outer bark to rot off. After it has been thus cured, the moss is sent to a gin, where it is run through a set of double rollers equipped with teeth, a fan blower, and a bauer. The rollers crush the sticks, teeth comb out the moss, while blowers dry the moss and blow away the trash.

Each year Louisiana ships from 2000 to 6000 carloads of ginned moss, which brings from six to 11 cents a pound.



Above, Spanish moss hanging like gray beards from an avenue of oak trees in Louisiana. Left, gatherer returning with his day's "catch" of moss.



Moss gin, where "vegetable hair" is combed, freed from impurities, and dried.

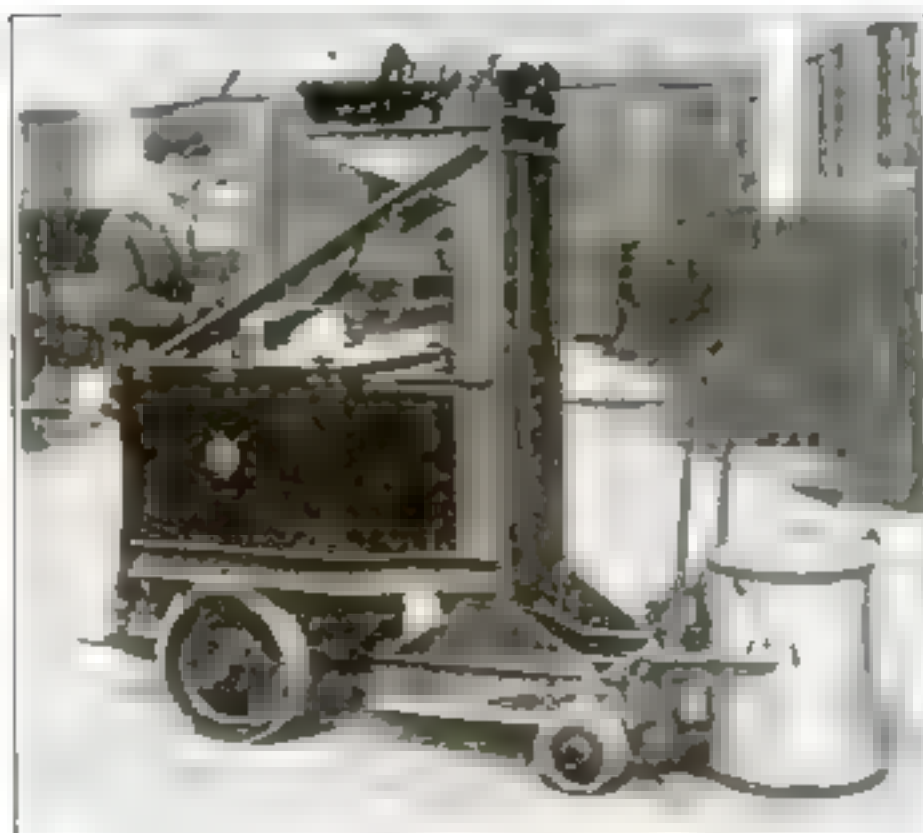


Machine stuffing mattresses with ginned Spanish moss used as horse-hair substitute.

Mechanical Arms Pick Up and Elevate Boxes in Tiers

ARRANGEMENT of boxes and other materials in tiers has proved such an expense to factories that engineers, casting about for a means of doing this work mechanically, have succeeded in designing a small electric storage battery tiering truck equipped with sets of arms that imitate human arms.

The attachment consists of two sets of arms and an elevating mechanism, located on the front of an electric truck. In using the longer set of arms to pick up square boxes, it is necessary to have the material raised a few inches above the floor. The operator lowers the two arms and inserts them under the pile by moving the truck forward. Power is applied to the elevator screws and the load is raised from the floor. The truck is then run to the tier and the material raised to any elevation up to six feet, and deposited.



Mechanical arms grasping cylindrical container.

The second set of arms picks up round or flat packages by holding on to handles. When changing from one set of arms to the other, the operator simply moves a lever and the two sets automatically change positions. This is done by gear quadrants connecting the two sets.

Fertilizer from Straw

A PROCESS for the artificial production of effective fertilizer from straw has been patented in England.

Straw is subjected to the action of a culture of cellulose-destroying organisms with the addition of certain chemicals to start the reaction. The final product contains about two per cent of nitrogen. Any farmer, it is claimed, can turn his entire straw crop into about half its weight of nitrogen-bearing fertilizer.

Re-Covering Your Auto Top Cheaply

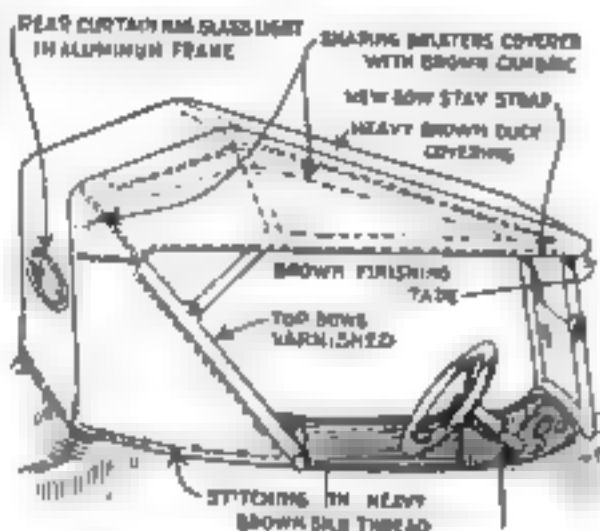
By G. A. Luers

A MOTORIST, who had painted his roadster dark blue and had given it a high luster with coach varnish, found that the old mohair top looked shabbier than ever by contrast. He decided to re-cover the top himself and found the work not as difficult as he had imagined.

He measured the amount of material required and bought sufficient heavy, closely woven brown duck for the new top, as well as binding tape of the same color, some brown cambric for the shabby bolsters, an oval rear light glass with an aluminum frame, round head upholstery tacks, and a little oak coach varnish.

As he removed the top with a tack puller and pliers, he noted how each piece was fastened. He then refinished the top bows with varnish, cut new stay straps from brown duck, and made them fast to the bows. The bolstering was covered with cambric and fastened in place.

Using the old top as a pattern, he



The old top serves as a pattern for cutting a new cover

next cut the brown duck to the exact shape and sewed the pieces together on the sewing machine with heavy brown silk. The rear light was set in the back section and then the new cover was spread over and tacked to the frame while the frame was held in position with bindings of heavy twine. The finishing tape was put on and the top then matched in newness the appearance of the

newly painted and varnished car itself.

No special tools are required and nothing about the work is difficult, although care must be taken to cut the materials the exact pattern of the parts removed and in aligning the top bows properly before putting on the new covering.

It is necessary to use a tape line frequently to make sure that pieces on opposite sides are uniform and that the rear curtain is located so that the light is in a central position. A new top usually increases a car's selling value far more than the cost of labor and materials involved.

Rotary Brush Removes Carbon Dust from Auto Engine

OFTEN the tops of pistons and the walls of the combustion chamber in an automobile motor are not thoroughly cleaned of fine carbon dust after they have apparently been scraped clean. The removal of this dust can be accomplished with a

brush and a wire brush and a small hand drill. Cut off the brush handle, drill a hole exactly in the center, thread in a wood screw, and cut off the head of the screw. This provides a metal shank that can be held in the hand drill chuck. With this rotary brush the tops of the pistons and the walls of the combustion chamber can be polished, which insures better engine performance and tends to prevent the carbon forming quickly again.—R. FRANKLIN MUNDORFF, Kansas City, Mo.



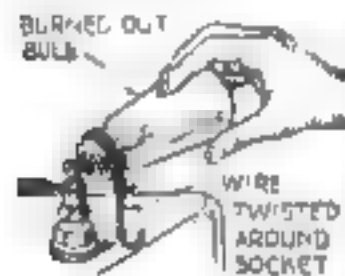
Wooden Blocks for Garage Floor

A NEIGHBOR who recently put in a portable garage and was particularly anxious to have it comfortable, made a floor of wooden paving blocks obtained at a nominal cost from the surplus stock of a street paving company.

The earth was leveled and the blocks laid in even rows. Since the blocks were creosoted, no precautions were necessary to prevent decay. In case it becomes necessary to move the garage, the floor can be taken up and relaid.—L. D. W.

Burned Out Electric Lamp Tests Automobile Spark Plugs

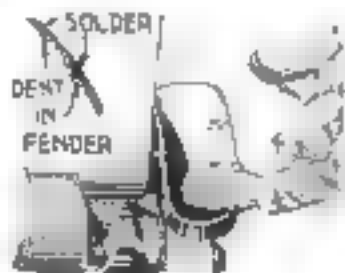
A NOVEL method used by an automobile mechanic to test out spark plugs while the automobile engine is running requires nothing more than a burned out electric light bulb and a piece of wire. The wire is twisted around the socket to form an extension and is touched against the engine head while the central terminal of the lamp is pressed



against the spark plug binding post. If the spark is functioning properly, it is visible between the lead-in wires in the globe.

Removing Small Fender Dents

ALMOST every autoist is confronted at some time or other with the task of removing a small dent or dents from the fender of his automobile. This is sometimes a difficult undertaking, but a simple method that usually works well is to clean the dent carefully, fill it with solder, and scrape off the solder flush with the surface of the fender. The solder is then painted to match the rest of the finish.



Such a repair is apt to be more satisfactory in appearance than when straightened with a block and hammer.—F. A. L.

Vibrating Coil Overcomes Bad Ignition

THE addition of a vibrating coil will sometimes remedy serious difficulties in an ordinary battery ignition system. Such a system supplies a single spark and when the ignition, carburization, cylinders, and valves are in first class condition, that is sufficient. When, however, the ignition coil breaks down, the ignition mechanism and the carburetor become worn or are out of adjustment, and the cylinders, valves or valve stem leak, a succession of sparks is apt to improve the running to a marked degree.

An ordinary vibrating coil, such as is used in Fords, is substituted for the regular coil. Therefore, when the breaker points close, a steady stream of sparks passes between the spark plug points. The breaker mechanism is designed to generate a spark at the plug points when the breaker points open, but this device starts a stream of sparks when the breaker points close, previous to opening, and this stream continues as long as the

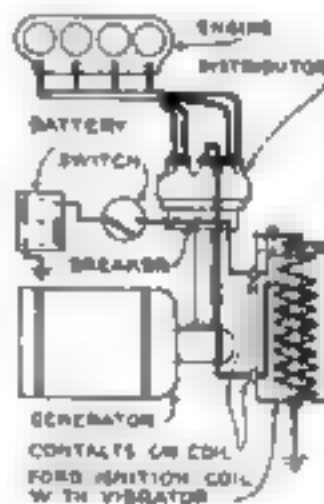
points are closed. Sometimes retiming may be found necessary.

This expedient is particularly effective in improving the running of a faulty engine at low speed because the series of sparks occur when the engine is operating on practically a closed throttle.

The coil is mounted so that the bottom contact is grounded on the frame of the car or the engine and a wire is carried from the lower contact to the top of the distributor. The coil wire of the circuit breaker connects with the upper contact, and the other wiring from circuit breaker to switch and to battery remains unchanged.

Since a vibrating coil costs little, it is possible to try out this device without

much expense. Installations that have been used have given such satisfactory results that it may be concluded that a used car fitted with a vibrating coil is given a new life not possible even by entirely renewing its single spark type of ignition system.—A. L. B.



Repairing a Cracked Windshield

TO REPAIR a cracked windshield, first take a piece of sheet steel and bend it to the shape of a channel slightly larger

than the thickness of the glass. Next, soak a piece of canvas or similar goods in shellac and lay this over the edge of the glass. Force the channel over the canvas onto the glass.—J. S. MITTAG, JR.



The Home Workshop

New and Useful Things to Make with Tools

Tools for the Home Workshop and Their Care

The Kit I Use for Odd Jobs about the House

By A. E. Elling

IS YOUR home workshop really well equipped to do all the odd jobs about the house that would cost money if you appealed to an outside man? Have you enough tools? Have you the right tools? Do you know how to care for them properly?

Good tools represent a permanent and valuable investment, which can be wasted by lack of care. Too many tool users buy them in a rather haphazard fashion, getting odd tools for odd jobs, one at a time, without building up a well balanced, completely planned set. As a result, they find that the needed tool is not at hand in an emergency.

I have listed below what seems to me the ideal tool set for general house woodworking jobs. If my own tools were lost, these are the ones I should feel it necessary to obtain. Others would be needed for bench work and still others for metal work; I am speaking now only of general household woodwork. The list is, of course, not complete, and yet may be too complete for

Crosscut saw, 16 in. 8 pts. Rip saw, 24 in. 5 pts. Combination saw, 12 in. Backsaw, 10 in. Hack saw frame, 8 in. with blades.

Fore plane, 48 in. with wood but an 18 in. plane iron or iron with wood but an 18 in. plane. Iron. Block plane, 10 in. Ratchet plane, 10 in. or wood, 16 in. or 18 in.

Chisels, 16, 14, 12, and 10 in. Butt chisel, about 1 1/2 in. Gauge, 1/4 in. Cold chisel, 1/4 in.

Auger bits, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and 1 in. Repair bits, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and 1 in. Guide bit, 1/4 in. or 1/2 in. twist drills, from 1/8 in. to 1/2 in. Screw set bit, 1/4 in. Rose comb-drill.

Brace, 8-in sweep Hammer with bell or slightly rounded head

Screwdriver, Two about 10 in. Marking gauge Trysquare, 6 in. Distances 10 in.

Combination pliers, 4 in. Carpenter's pliers, 8 in. Monkey wrench, 10 in. Lever light metal or wood Spokeshave, wood or metal, 2 or 4 1/2 in. cutter

Cabinet scraper and bar-nail Sliding T bevel Half round wood rasp, 10 in., flat bastard file, 8 in.

Saw vice saw set and all taper saw files, 5, 8, and 12 in. Two graders

Steel square, 16 by 24 in. Wing dividers or carpenter's compass Nail set, 1 to 10 in. cupped points



Three Experts Unlock Their Toolchests for You

LIVING in what might be called a toolmade world, every man finds fascination in the subject of tools and tool craft. In fact, the use of tools in the home workshop has lately become a leading hobby in this country—a hobby that is winning new recruits daily.

"What tools shall I buy?" and "How can I get the most out of my tools?" are two questions repeatedly asked us both by these new tool users and many others who already have the home workshop hobby.

To compress authoritative answers to these questions in the smallest possible space, **POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY** asked three experts to tell just what tools they use in their own home workshops and how they care for them.

Mr. A. E. Elling tells of woodworking tools on this page, Mr. Joe V. Romig discusses the tools he uses for home metal work on page 112 and Mr. George A. Luern writes on "How I Chose Tools for Repairing My Auto," on page 114.

some; but it will give you an idea of what experienced tool users find essential.

In buying small bits I prefer to get bit-stock twist drills that will cut both metal and wood.

As to the care of tools, most common tools are comparatively foolproof if given a reasonable amount of attention. The plane is one of the tricky tools, but when the home worker once learns how to keep his planes, chisels, and saws in good condition, he will not have much trouble.

Tools should, of course, be of good quality to start with. I remember a young man learning his trade who was trying out a smooth plane he had just bought. Having no success with it, he appealed to me and I sharpened it and told him to try again, but

in a short time it refused to cut. Then I knew the cause was not in the sharpening or setting of the blade, but in the poorly tempered steel. After taking off a few shavings, it fell down on its job.

This is the greatest discouragement that is apt to come to the amateur woodworker—trying to keep in condition a piece of soft steel or, much more rarely, a very hard or brittle blade. Some mechanics profess to be able to judge by looking at it, from its color and general appearance, but personally I have never felt sure of this and I notice that these men, like myself, want the maker's name back of the blade as a guarantee that it is a piece of good steel. If, after sharpening a tool, you find it will not hold its edge a reasonable time on tough wood, exchange it, have it tempered again, or throw it away.

When not properly adjusted, planes sometimes choke or chatter and are not sweet cutting. A careful examination must then be made in both iron and wood planes to see if the back or cap iron fits perfectly tight and snug when screwed to the cutting iron, as at A, Fig. 1. Sometimes a very slight opening in one corner will let in a light shaving and that at once chokes the plane. Use an oilstone and a fine file on the back iron to make the two blades fit absolutely tight, so that not the thinnest shaving can get between them.

Again, when the iron is in place, held by a clamp in iron planes, or in a wedge in wooden ones, the blade is sometimes tighter on one side than the other. This may be only a trifle, yet enough to cause trouble. It may be remedied by adjusting the seat or bed of the plane with a file or chisel. It is absolutely necessary that the blade should

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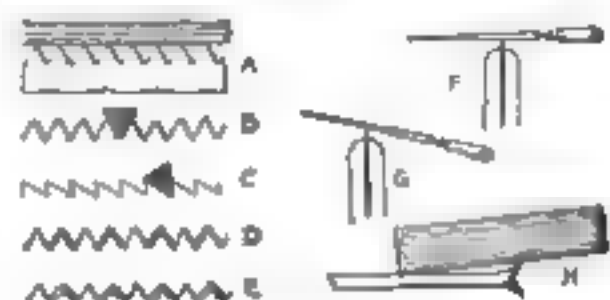
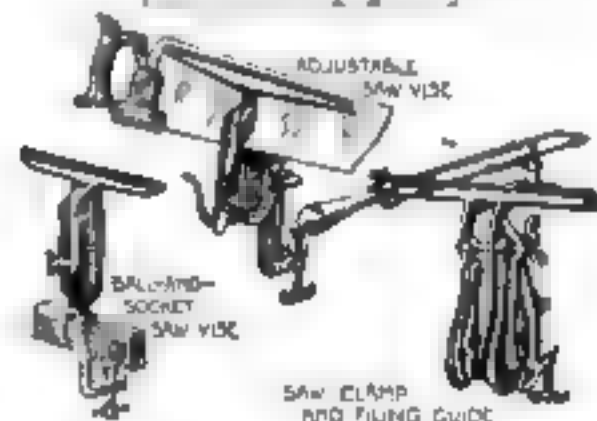


Fig. 2—Saw vices and diagrams to aid you in sharpening your saws

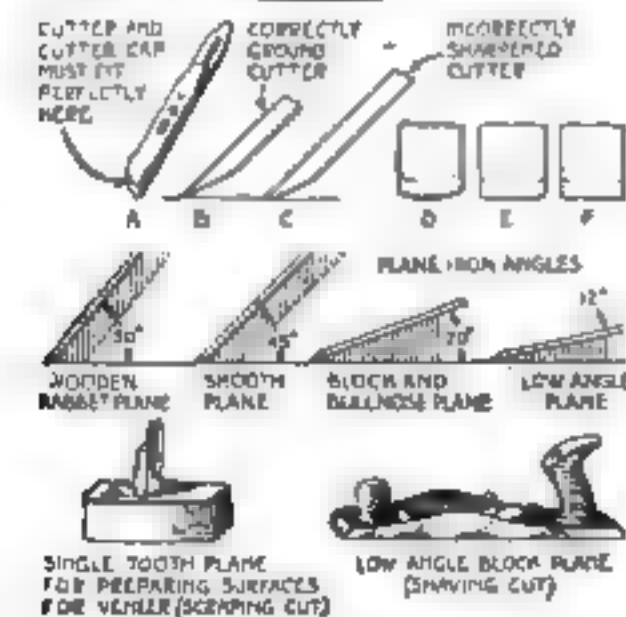


Fig. 1—Points of interest about plane cutters and two extreme types of planes

Telephone Table Serves as Writing Desk

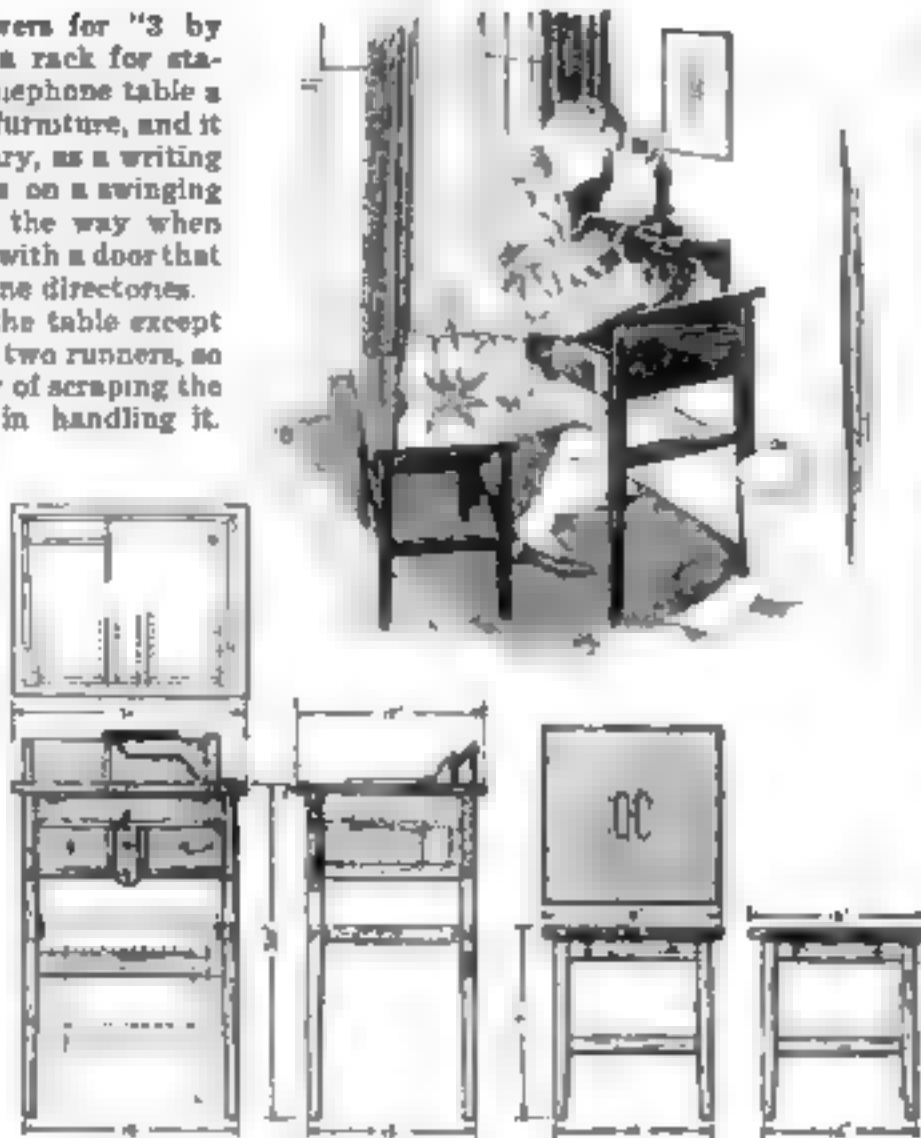
THE addition of drawers for "3 by 5" filing cards and a rack for stationery makes this telephone table a particularly useful piece of furniture, and it can be used, when necessary, as a writing table. The telephone rests on a swinging arm and turns back out of the way when not in use. A compartment with a door that lifts is provided for telephone directories.

The stool is kept under the table except when needed, and slides on two runners, so that there will be no danger of scraping the floor or racking the stool in handling it.

Both the table and stool are of the simplest construction. They can be made of oak, gumwood, or mahogany, or of one of the cheaper woods, such as birch or whitewood, and stained or enameled to match other pieces of furniture in the room in which they are to be used.

Some Dimensions

The table top is 17 by 21 in. and stands 30 in. high. The telephone arm has a round spindle that passes through the top and the first shelf and serves as a pivot. A stationery rack is provided at the back, to the



Full size details and complete bill of materials for this attractive telephone table and stool are contained in Home Workshop Blueprint No. 18

left of the telephone arm, thus giving the table its right to pose as a desk.

Directly beneath the top is the directory compartment, which should be no larger than necessary to hold the telephone books. For very thick directories, such as the New York City directory, the depth of the compartment should be increased accordingly. This space is closed by a door hinged at the top, with a knob for lifting it.

Filing Cabinet Is Included

Below the directory compartment are three drawers, two of them for holding 3 by 5 in. cards. These cards can be used for names and addresses, memoranda, and indexes that it is desired to keep handy. The drawers are each 12 in. long inside, so they will hold a large number of cards. The center drawer is narrow and may be used for pens, pencils, ink, and other writing materials.

The stool stands 17 in. high and has a top 16 in. square, in which two holes are cut to provide a hand grip.

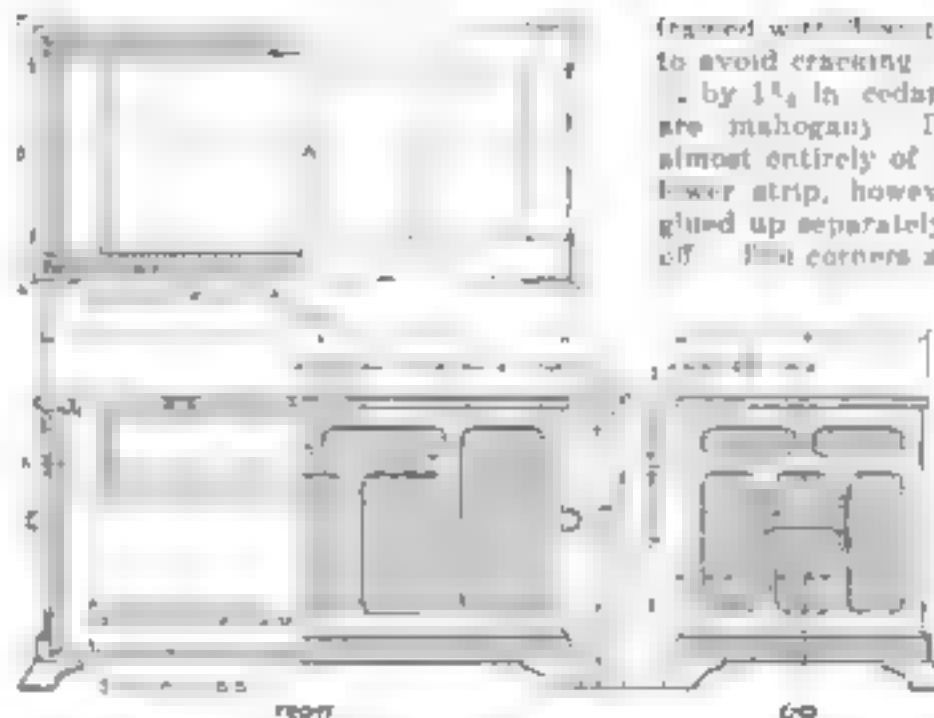
If oak is used, and there is no need for matching, try a more unusual finish, such as frost oak or forest green.

The full working details of the telephone table and stool and a complete bill of materials are contained on a 15 by 22 in. blueprint (No. 18) that can be obtained for 25c from the Blueprint Service Department, POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, 225 West 39th Street, New York.

How to Build a Cedar Chest that Will Last for Generations

FEW pieces of furniture that the home worker can make are more appreciated or will better repay his efforts than a cedar chest. It is comparatively easy to build a chest, the material costs comparatively little, and if care is taken in selecting a good design and working out the details accurately, the home mechanic is pretty sure to make a finer chest than the average commercial one.

A good chest improves with age and often becomes a family heirloom. The rich coloring of Tennessee cedar is never tiresome and deepens with age. And the usefulness of a cedar chest goes without saying, as it forms an ideal storage place for furs, linens, and valuable fabrics, serving as a hold-all.

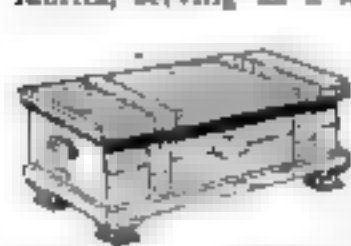


Mahogany trimmed cedar chest, the parts in cedar being indicated by the half tone shading. Blueprint No. 17 gives additional details

framed with mahogany panels for the sake of durability and to avoid cracking—a 19 in. by 8 ft. 4 in. The base is 19 in. by 1 1/4 in. cedar, mitered at the corners. The feet are mahogany. The mahogany frames are made almost entirely of 1/4 or 3/8 in. by 1 1/4 in. strips. The lower strip, however, is 2 in. wide. Each frame is glued up separately, chamfered as shown, and cleaned off. The corners are then mitered and the frames are

glued to the cedar box and held in place while the glue is setting with hand screws and, if necessary, a few brads. A simple mahogany molding is mitered around the chest above the base.

The escutcheon for a chest of this character should be handmade, if possible. The design for the one shown on the chest is based on a four-leaf clover motive. The handles are shaped from maple fastened to the ends with countersunk bolts. Strips of

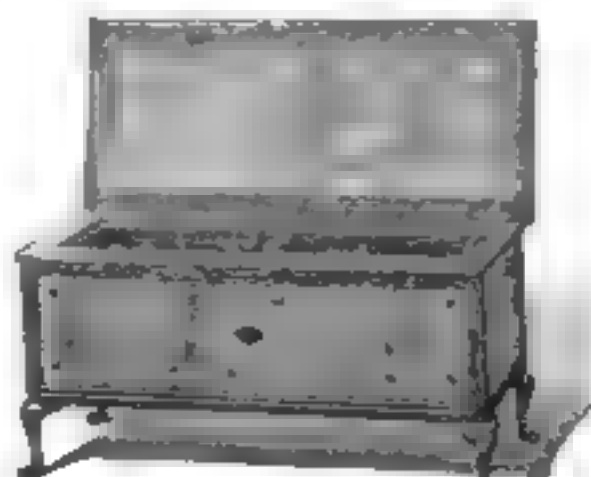


Simple chest with copper bands

One of the most strikingly beautiful chests that the home craftsman can make is the mahogany trimmed chest illustrated at top center. It is a red cedar

box, with simply made joints, to which are applied frames of thin mahogany. These form a panel effect and the contrast between the two beautiful woods enhances the grain and coloring of each of them so that the result is exceptionally fine.

The chest proper is 3 ft. 2 in. long, 17 in. wide and 19 in. high. The top, which is



A commercial chest in walnut and cedar

brass or copper are then screwed over the handle ends as illustrated.

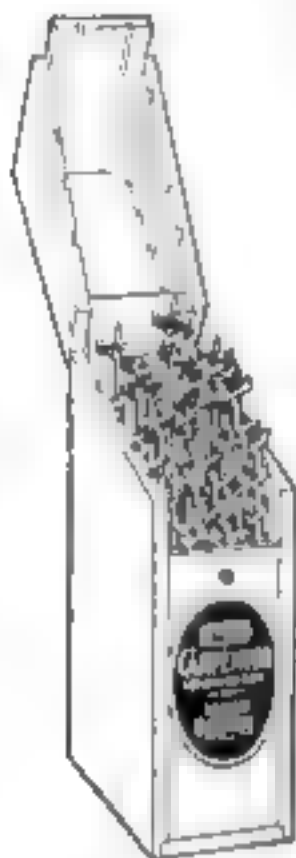
A sliding tray, 6 in. less in length than the inside length of the chest and 4 1/4 in. deep inside, is provided, and for durability the joints should be dovetailed. Two or three ordinary chest hinges may be used with the offset flaps sunk sufficiently into the cedar to allow for the additional thickness of the mahogany trim. For a finer construction, continuous nickel-



Best chest of standard design

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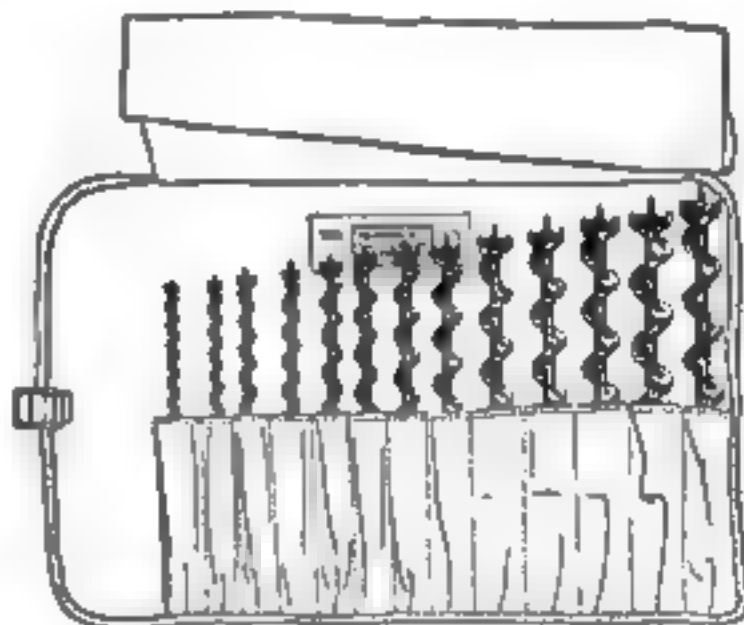
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"The Man of a Thousand Tools"

By Lorry Jacobs

DOES your daily work grow dull sometimes? Do you feel misplaced in the thing that you are doing? Would you like to find a healthful hobby that would bring you both recreation and additional income?

Then listen to this story of "The Man of a Thousand Tools," who spent 29 of his working years working at jobs that failed to interest him or bring him the joy of accomplishment. Clement Hopkins of New York did this—and then suddenly found the thing to which he had unknowingly been suited all his life: woodcarving. And he mastered it completely in the short time of three years.

For 29 years, the man now known as "The Man of a Thousand Tools" worked variously as an actor, a stage manager, and at the clerical work to which he was forced to retire when his health forbade his travelling. And he felt, more and more, that he must get relief from the sedentary work that occupied eight hours of every day. But he kept on, not realizing what was the matter with him, until a serious illness forced physicians to tell him that he must find an activity to occupy his spare hours—some sort of a hobby in which he could really feel an interest.

Began with a Few Chisels

Hopkins cast about vaguely. Then fingers communicated to his mind the fact that they wanted to be working with something. He immediately set out for the nearest tool store and the nearest five-, ten-, and fifteen-cent stores. There he bought half a dozen carving tools and a cheap wooden frame.

There are some men who take naturally to tool. Hopkins always had an aptitude for doing things of a mechanical nature, but he did not regard this as anything unusual. So, with his carving tools, but no great enthusiasm, he set to work to try and embellish the simple frame he had bought. In a short time the homely piece of wood had taken on a graceful design that surprised his friends and Hopkins even more.

That was the start. It followed a thorough study of the history of woodcarving; evenings spent in examining illustrations of the beautiful designs wrought in wood of other days; weeks spent in experimenting with the use of new tools he began to accumulate; and then, a real effort to emulate in beauty some of the more simple masterpieces he had been studying.

All that was three years ago. At that time, Hopkins could not tell a framing chisel from a fishtail gouge. Today he has a brilliant and remunerative future ahead of him as a woodcarver, knows the use of every woodcarving tool, and has an interest in life that has re-

THE greatest thing my work has given me," says Clement Hopkins, expert woodcarver, is the realization that there are many things some of which are more important than a high salary. He shows them.

My greatest dream is the establishment of a woodcarving school where I can teach what I have learned the hard way.



The man of a thousand tools at work, and, above, a corner of one of his toolrooms.

stored his health and given him a joy in living.

His equipment of tools runs into the thousands, ranging from chisels and gouges that will give an incision of the fineness of a hair, to huge tools with a 2-in. sweep.

His toolroom is a vast collection of tools, ranging from the simplest to the most complex.



The remarkable beauty and character of Mr. Hopkins' carving is revealed in this reproduction of an antique Italian walnut chest and, above, two triptychs.

short bent gouges, a hundred hammers, saws, mallets, planes, and a lathe for turning out round pieces to fit some intricate design. His tools fill three rooms and he has 18 toolchests.

To see Hopkins working in his little studio perched on the top floor of a typical dark-halled tenement in the outskirts of Greenwich Village, Manhattan, you would think

that he had spent his life working in his chosen profession. He has accomplished what might be a miracle in three short years.

Using all his spare time, Hopkins carved scores of frames, never two alike, and then turned his attention to triptychs, three shrine-like altar pieces of ecclesiastical design, with two doors that open and disclose their contents. To copy some of the designs more perfectly, he even learned the art of gilding. And for all that he found a ready market for the tools he had collected.

Carving a \$1000 Chest

The further he worked, the greater grew his ambition. Wondering what commercial work he could do, he took several lessons at an avenue art dealer. There he learned that Hopkins had mastered the difficult art in so short a time without training. There, Hopkins noticed a fifteenth-century carved walnut chest. Making inquiry, he found that complete photographs of the chest were in a book in the Public Library. He secured a photograph and after several months of tedious labor, completed an exact replica, making each part in cheaper wood first, to be sure of himself. For the ornate hinges, slide iron, and a big lock and key made of hand-forged iron work, he engaged the aid of artisans, who duplicated it to a nicety. Finished, the chest

cost for nearly a thousand dollars. Hopkins had another chest of white wood, also a replica, but that was for his own use.

Orders for triptychs and frames kept pouring in, some even coming from Europe. Finally came an order for a pulpit, which will far surpass anything Hopkins has ever attempted, with its symbolic and ecclesiastical figures to be done in high relief and its Gothic lettering. This completed, he will go on making furniture.

Yet he is the man who three years ago did not know what to do because his work did not give him the joy of living that makes life worth while!

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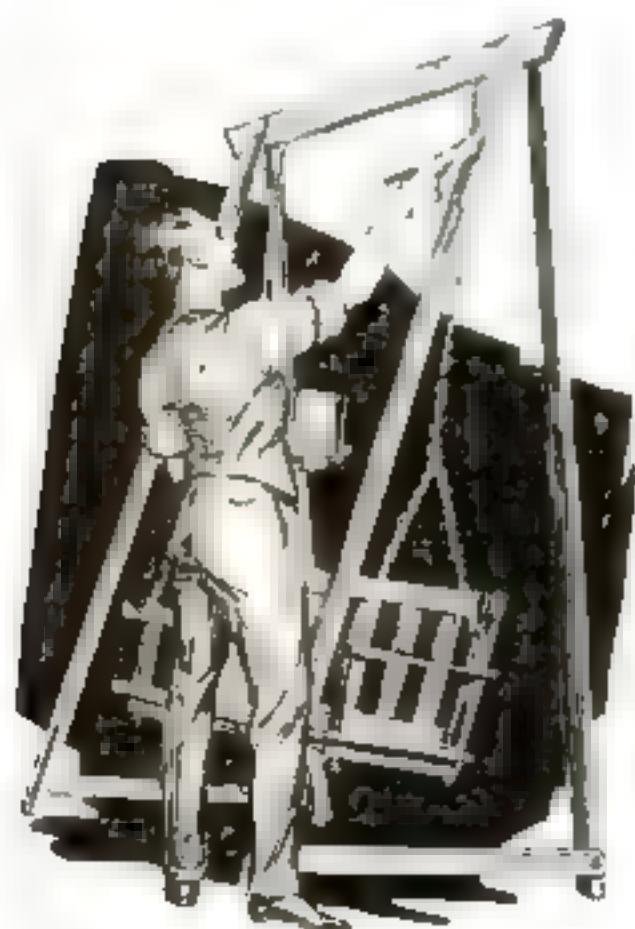
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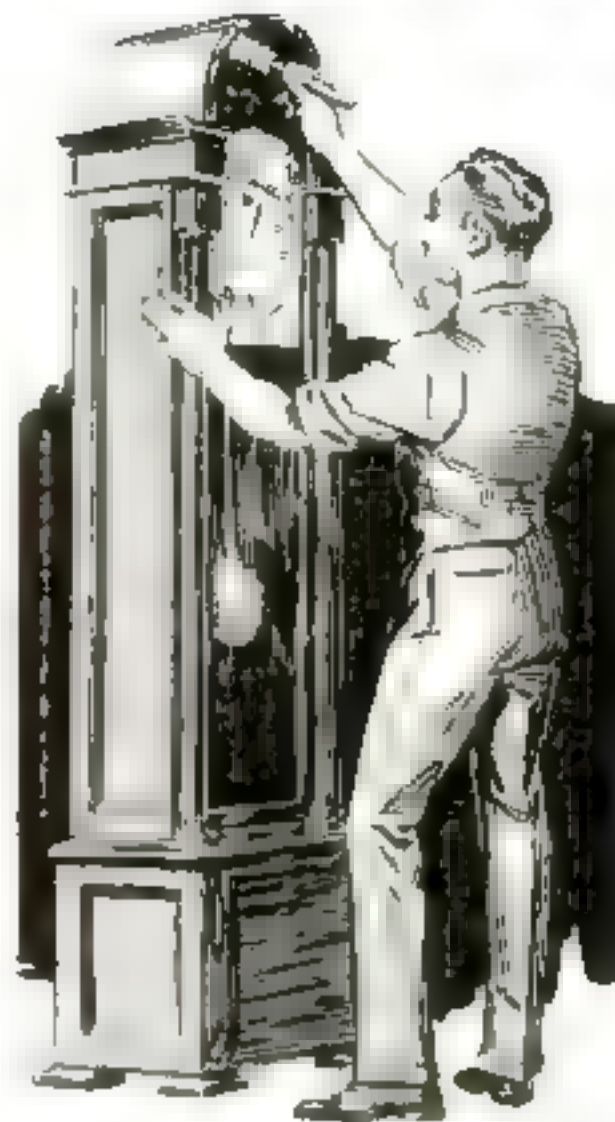


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Broaching Lowers Costs in Many Machine Shop Jobs

BROACHING is often the quickest and most satisfactory way of finishing the interior surfaces of oddly shaped holes, and sometimes the only one.

Square, rectangular, and splined holes, used in automobile construction, are invariably made by the broaching process. While machine broaching pays only when done on a production basis, nevertheless, small broaches, such as are pushed through the job under a power or arbor press, are becoming more popular and more used every day.

No modern toolmaker's kit is complete if it does not contain a set of a few assorted square and rectangular broaches. Tool slots in boring bars and tool holders and square and rectangular holes in jigs and tool fixtures can be cut with small broaches that the average mechanic can easily make himself. A useful set of small broaches for the toolmaker is shown in the accompanying illustration. A good grade of carbon steel must be used for the broaches, a carbon content .90 to 1.10 is about right.

Designing and Making Broaches

In designing a broach, several things must be noted, such as the kind of metal to be worked, the thickness of the work and the amount of metal to be removed by the cutting teeth. Thin pieces require a broach with closely spaced teeth. The amount of metal removed decides the chip room and the metal to be cut determines the lip and clearance angles of the teeth.

The parts of a broach's anatomy are the pilot, which must be turned to a few thousandths of an inch smaller than the hole into which it is to enter; the body, which is tapered to allow each successive tooth to do its share of the cut, and the sizing portion, which usually contains about six teeth, all the same in size, their function being to finish the surface of the hole accurately to size. The head is made a few thousandths smaller than the sizing teeth and acts as a guide member in keeping the sizing teeth in perfect line while passing out through the hole. Whenever possible, broaches should be made with spiral teeth, as this type takes a shearing cut, eliminates chattering and digging in, and, as the spiral effect staggers the teeth on opposite sides, the broach works better in thin pieces.

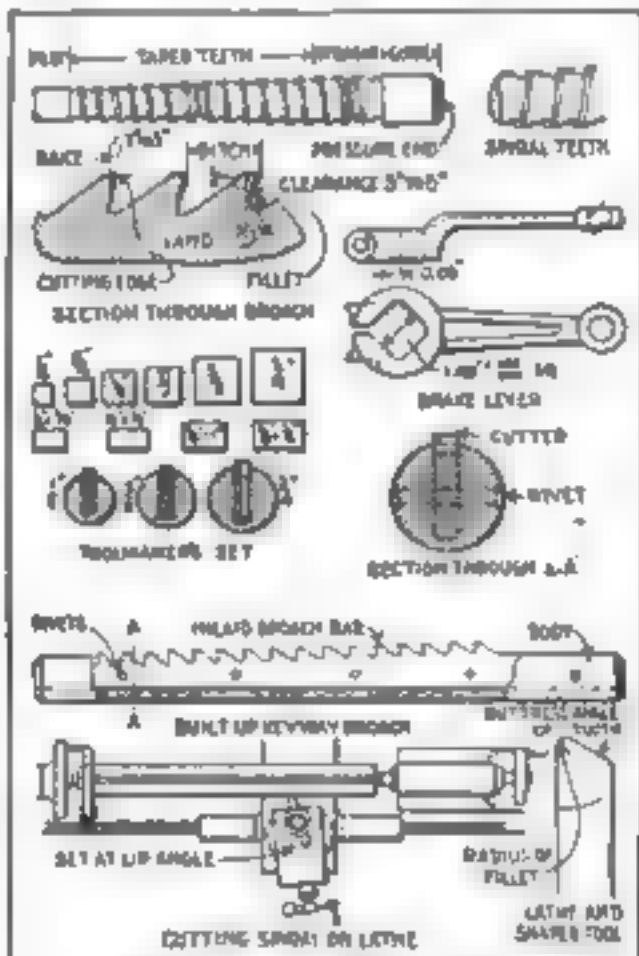
After the broach blank has been shaped up to the proper size, it is centered on the lathe, the feed screw is geared to the desired pitch, and a tool, as shown, is used to cut the spiral on the corners of the broach, leaving a land at least 1/16 in. wide. It is then an easy matter to set up the blank broach in the vise on the shaper and cut the teeth to the proper angle by throwing the vise over to the angle of the marked spiral.

After the teeth have all been roughed out, the broach must be annealed to prevent the trouble caused by warping, which often spoils an otherwise good broach. The annealing takes out the internal strains of

By Joe V. Romig

the metal and softens it for the final finishing of the teeth, which is usually done with a fine file. Care must be exercised in obtaining the proper clearance angle of the cutting edge, which varies from 3 to 5 degrees. Blue paint is smeared on the land section before filing, so that it can easily be seen when the exact cutting edge has been reached.

The proper hardening and drawing of the temper determines the durability of the broach. A hard broach will break and a



Method of marking out spiral broaches on the lathe, various types of broaches, and a small job upon which broaching saved money

soft one will wear out quickly. An oil or gas furnace should be used in hardening so that the piece can be heated evenly to the proper temperature recommended by the steel company that supplies the steel. To heat a broach in an open coal fire invites ruin because of scaling and burning. If no other fire is available but a coal fire, protect the broach from the flames by first laying in several pieces of wood, and let them char thoroughly.

Care Needed in Tempering

In the quenching, too, much care is necessary. If the broach is cooled unevenly, it will warp. Upon withdrawing it from the furnace or fire, immerse it vertically in a tub of water and stir it around in small spirals, increasing in size until the piece has cooled. Test with a file for hardness and then shine up the lands of the teeth with emery cloth prior to drawing the temper.

Temper can be drawn on small broaches

in sand heated over a bunsen burner, or in the open flame of a bunsen burner. By drawing and quenching several times the most uniform results will be obtained. In each individual drawing, allow the heating to take place slowly, so that the heat will penetrate to the interior of the body. For general use a broach made of good carbon steel should be drawn to a medium straw color, or a little darker.

Broaches should not be used to shape and size rough cored holes, as the sand and scale will ruin the teeth at one passage. Rough or cored holes are first prepared by drifting them out with a solid drift, leaving just sufficient metal in the hole for the final sizing. Lard oil is an ideal lubricant for use in broaching; it finishes well and cuts freely.

An example of successful broaching is illustrated to show the practicability of broaching for saving labor and money when the quantity of work is sufficiently large to warrant the expense of making the broaches.

An automobile maker sublet a contract for the machining of several thousand brake levers to a small machine concern, with whom the writer was at that time connected in the capacity of machine superintendent. The designer of this part of the truck called on his print for a cored hole filed out to fit the squared ends of the brake shafts. When the lot of castings arrived, we found that the cores had evidently shrunk, as the holes were all about 1/32 in. too small.

Last Piece "Mikes" like the First

We decided at once to broach, and started that same day to drift out the scale and sand, while working on the broach itself. Broaching was done on a small power press, and one broach machined the whole lot of steel castings, the last hole looking and "miking" just the same as the first.

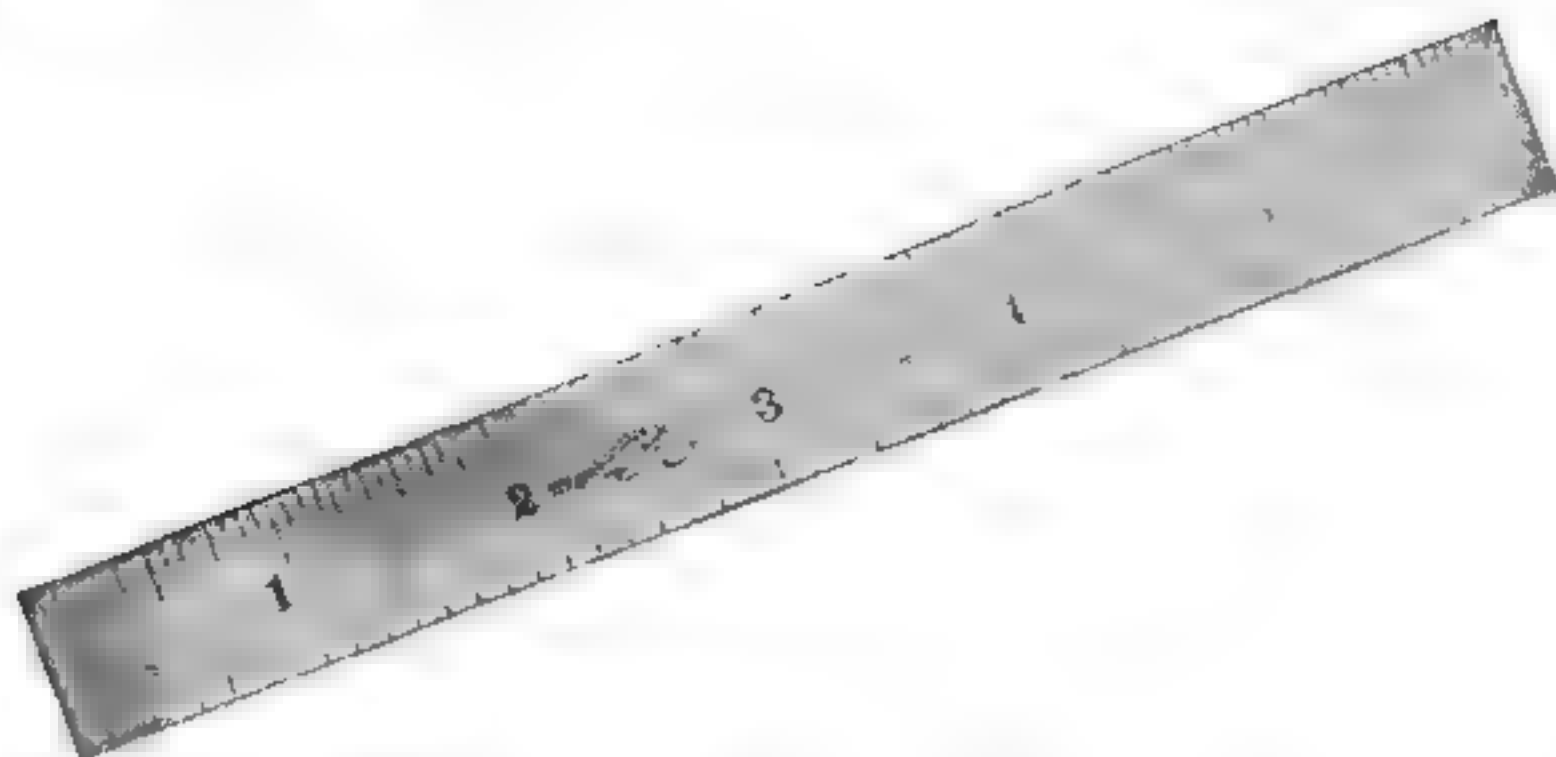
It is this exactness and perfection of machining duplicate work that makes broaching such a well liked and paying proposition. Broaching appeals to the manufacturer as a means of doing high class work quickly and cheaply with unskilled labor.

Some private sets of broaches I have seen included, besides the regular complement of square and rectangular shapes, round ones as well, and also small keyway broaches for cutting the keyways in small gears from 1/4 in. up to and including 1 in. in diameter. For the model builder and home workshop mechanic, a set of square and rectangular broaches will make for better and more accurate work.

Shims Make Erasing Shields

VERY thin shim stock, such as is used for liners for connecting-rod bearings, will make good erasing shields. Holes can be cut in it with a knife to permit the correcting of small details that could not be erased without damaging surrounding parts, even with the ordinary commercial shield.—JOHN KILIAN.

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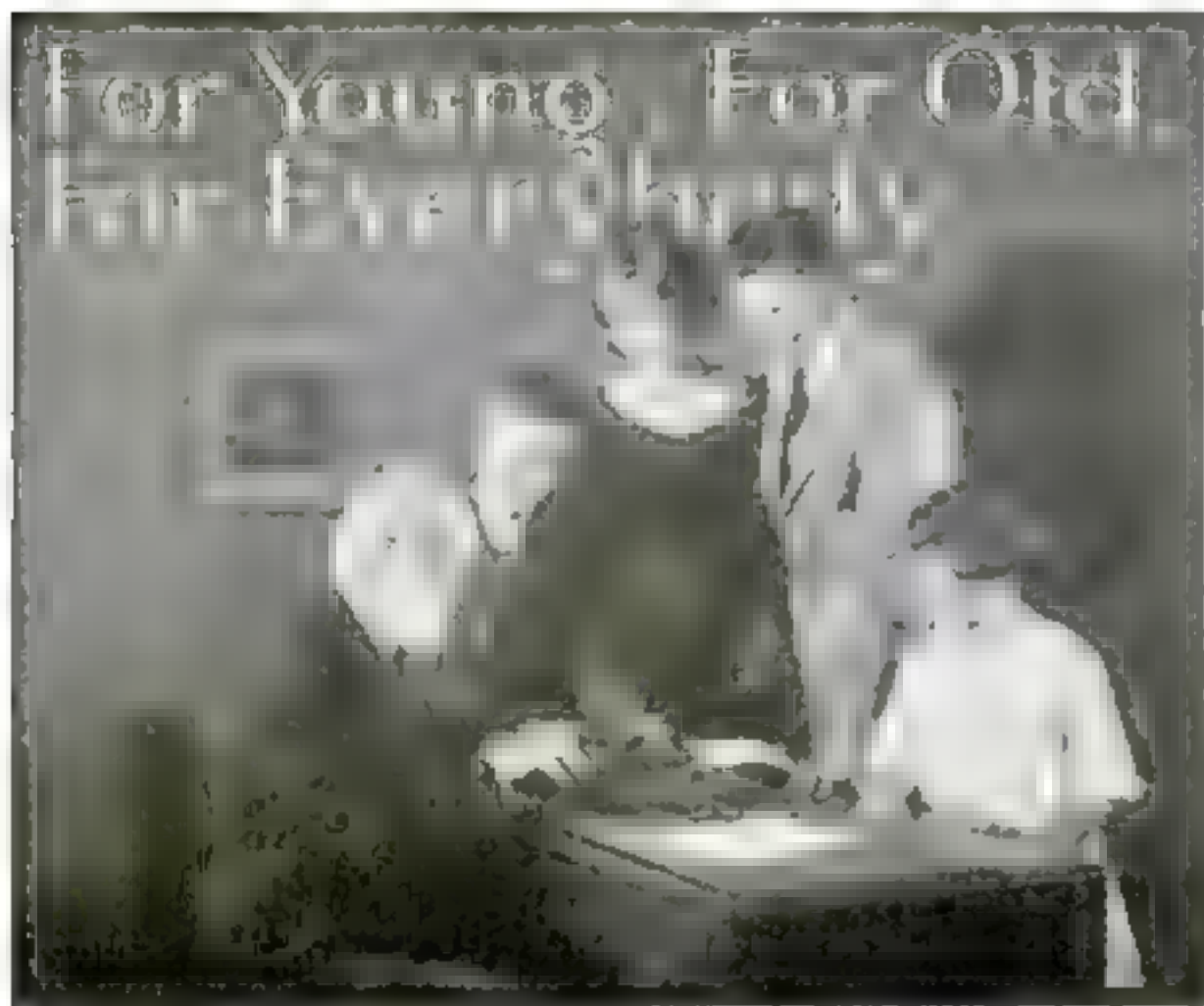
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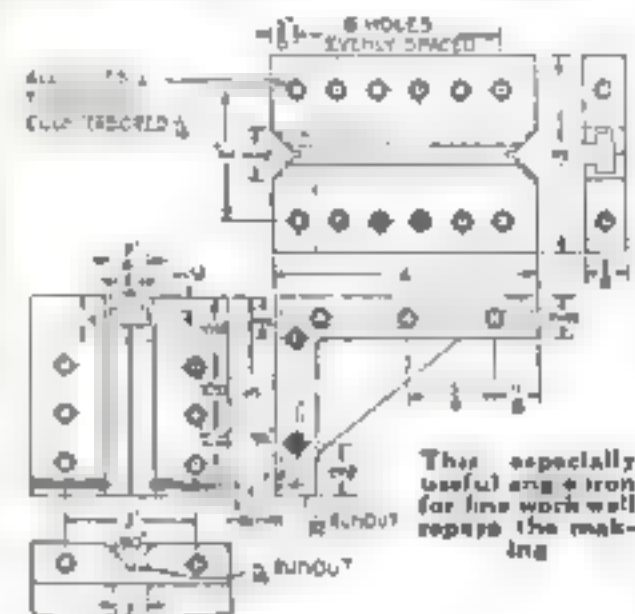
BETTER SHOP METHODS

Machinist Can Make His Own Angle Iron Pattern

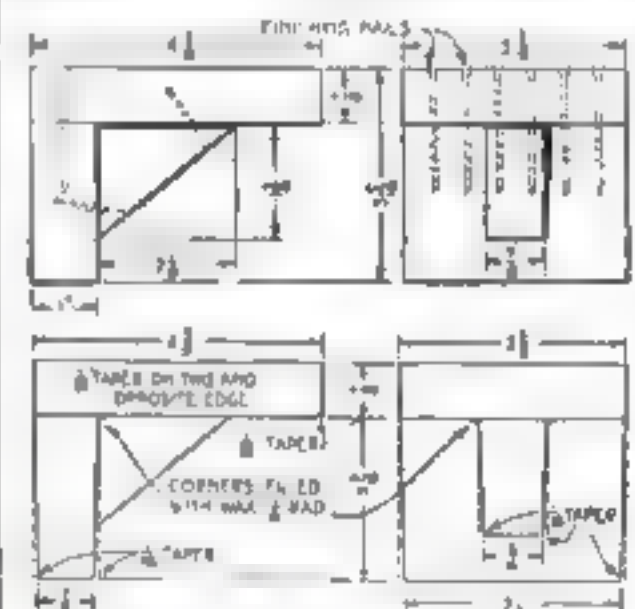
By Henry S. Laraby

AN ANGLE iron of cast iron is generally recognized as the most accurate of all the angle iron family. It seldom changes when once it is thoroughly seasoned. Making it is much cheaper than to hog an angle iron from a block of steel, and is much less discouraging, especially if the steel happens to crack in hardening.

Although the making of a wooden pattern is somewhat of a mystery to many mechan-



ics, it is really quite easy to provide one for this angle iron, and after the pattern is made, the cost of casting is small. I made a pattern at one time and sold the castings in the toolroom for four dollars each, and they cost me only 30 cents. The pattern has been simplified as much as possible and it is merely necessary to follow the dimensions without considering the allowances necessary for finish and shrinkage, which have



The simple pattern before and after providing the draft. The dimensions shown include the necessary shrinkage allowance

been taken care of in the drawing. The pattern is shown both before and after the draft is put on.

The heads of the nails are set below the surface of the wood and the pattern is sandpapered and given one coat of shellac. After this is dry, the pattern is again sandpapered. The nail holes and the corners are filled with wax and two more coats of shellac are applied, care being taken to allow each coat to dry thoroughly and to sandpaper the pattern after each coat. The pattern is then ready for the foundry. It is best to have the cast made in gray iron.

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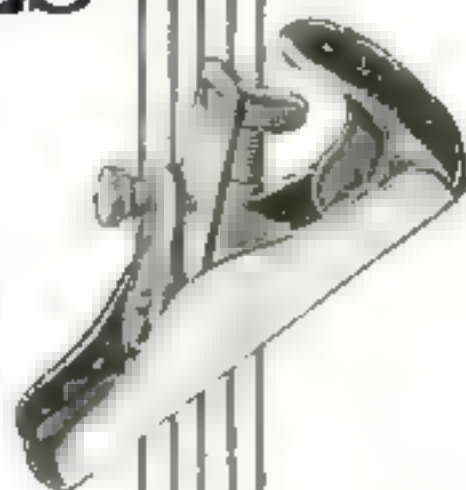
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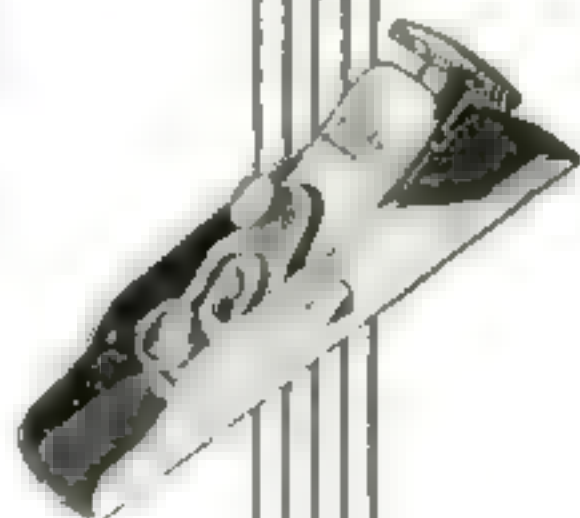
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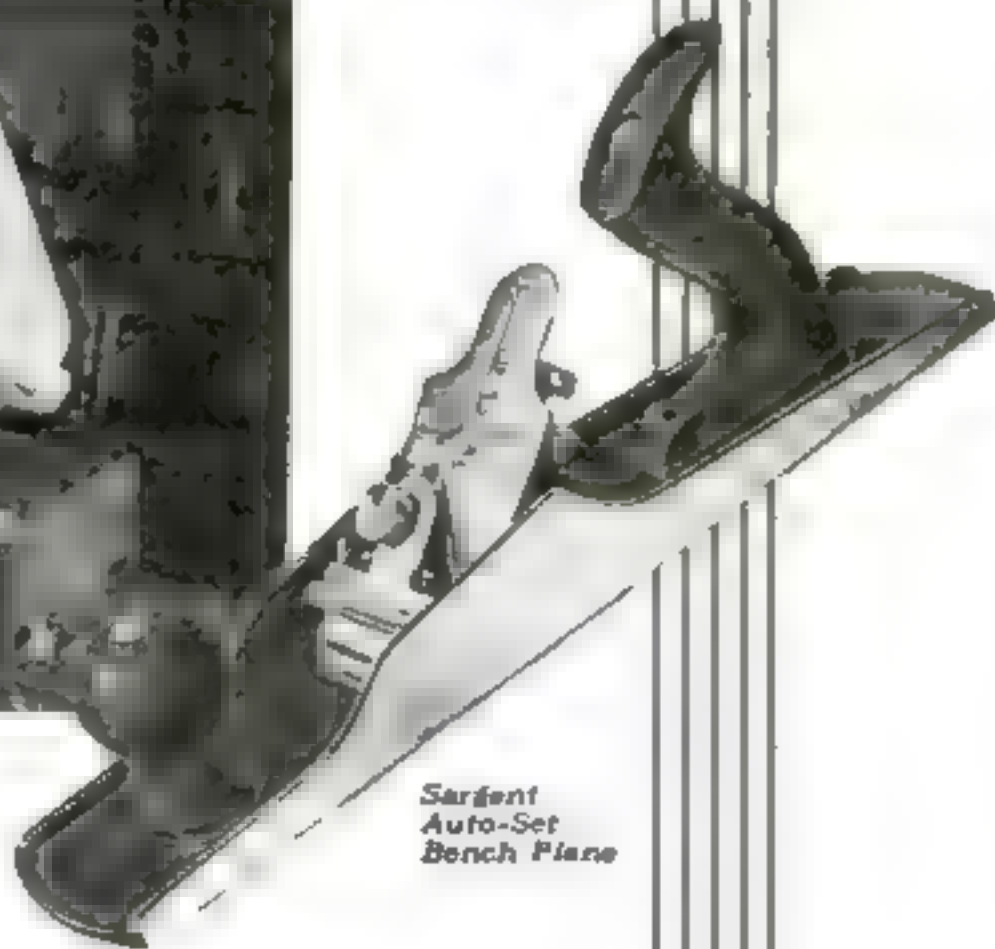
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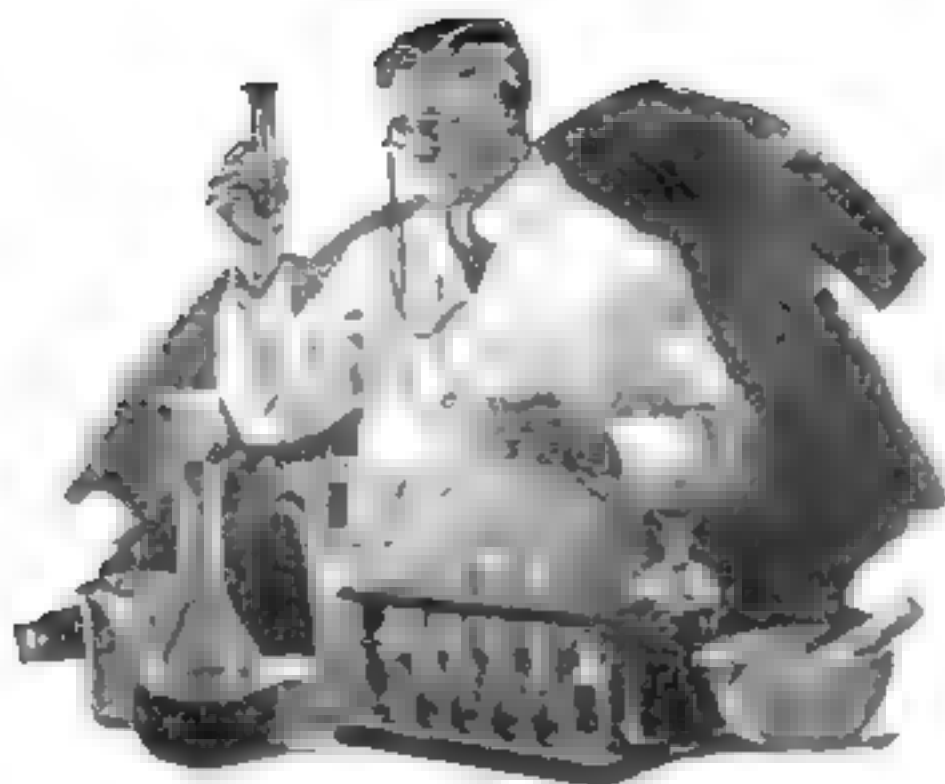


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The chief tooth enemy was found to be film—that viscous film you feel. It clings to teeth, enters crevices and stays.

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Film also holds food substance which ferments and forms acids. It holds the acids in contact with the teeth to cause decay. Germs breed by millions in it. They, with tartar, are the chief cause of pyorrhea.

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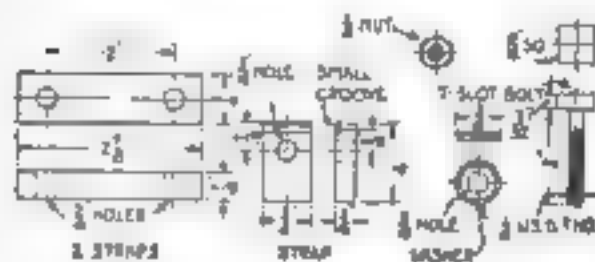
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The casting should be milled on the inside and worked off on the outside in a shaper and laid aside for a week or more to



Details of the straps and bolts used with the angle iron

season. It should finally be ground all over, except, of course, the inside. If the gray iron is close grained, it will hardly be possible to tell the piece from steel when finished.

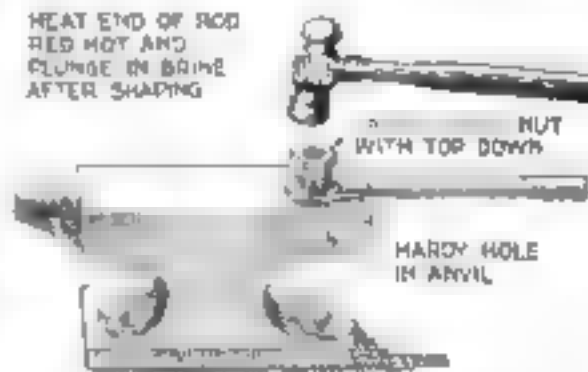
The small V may seem superfluous to some mechanics, but for any of the finer grades of work, such as gage or tool making, it will prove invaluable, as when it is needed, it is needed badly. The V on the top edge is for holding boxes and the like.

Some machinists may consider the dimensions I have given too light for average work, although they are those I have used for my own angle iron. It is, of course, a simple matter to make the pattern a little heavier; both legs, for instance, can be 1 in. thick, the bracket $\frac{3}{4}$ in., and the finished dimensions in proportion.

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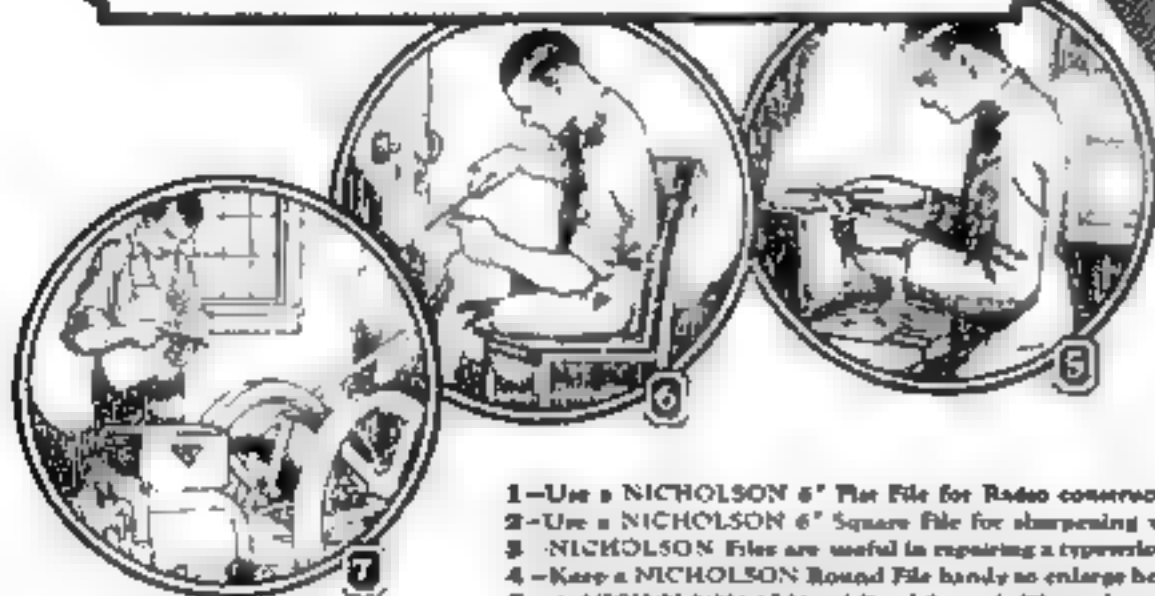


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Chassis Frame Converted into Strong Shop Truck

A SLIGHTLY bent and otherwise useless auto chassis will serve for the frame of a shop truck. Use solid steel shafting for the axles and clamp them to the under side of the frame, as shown. Handles may be provided at the rear so that the truck can be pushed back and forth. It is intended mainly for use along alleys and bins, where the truck does not turn to the right or left.

Planks 2 in. thick are fastened to the frame to serve as a bottom for the truck.



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This is done by drilling holes in the channel iron and riveting on the boards. The wheels can be provided with solid rubber tires if the noise of the cast iron wheels is undesirable.—DALE R. VAN HORN.

Running Solder in Strips

IN THE small shop, where expenses must be kept down, it is customary to buy solder in its cheapest form—the pound bar. There are many jobs, however, that could be executed more easily if the solder were in the form of long, narrow strips similar to the higher priced commercial wire solder.

To make such strips it is merely necessary to use a simple cast iron ladle with several



Shopmade wire solder

small holes drilled through the bottom, close to one of the sides. The ladle is tilted back a trifle and half filled with molten solder in such a way that the

solder will not run out. It is then carried over a smooth iron plate and turned so that the solder runs out of the holes and forms long, narrow strips, as shown. These harden immediately upon striking the cold iron and can be removed as soon as they are poured.—C. M. WILCOX.

Marking Holes to Be Bored

A MACHINE shop making up some plates that had to be drilled with a large number of holes, but that could not be conveniently handled in a drill jig, used the special marking punch illustrated.

The tool was turned from cold rolled steel and the V marking edge was made the diameter of the holes that were to be drilled. The center extends beyond this edge and serves for locating the punch accurately. The tool was tempered, so that the circumference of the holes to be drilled could be marked distinctly after their centers had been fixed with a prickpunch.—L. S. B.



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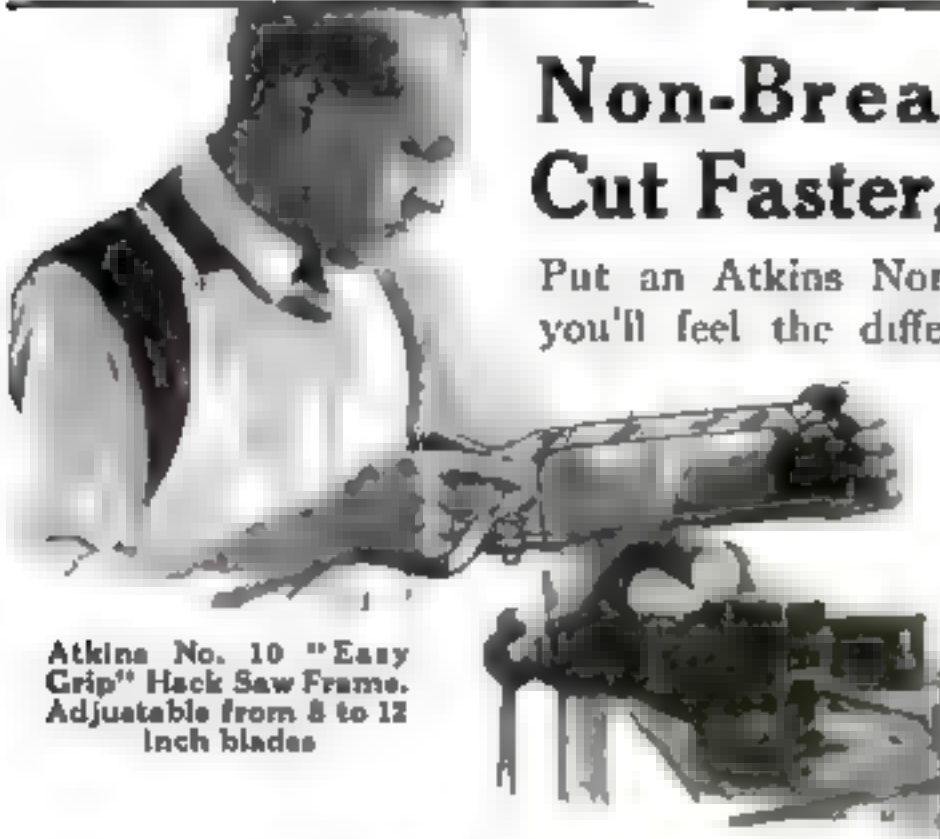
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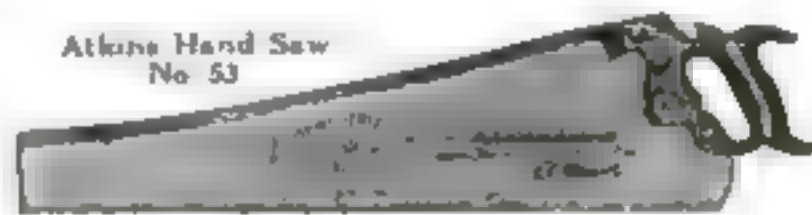


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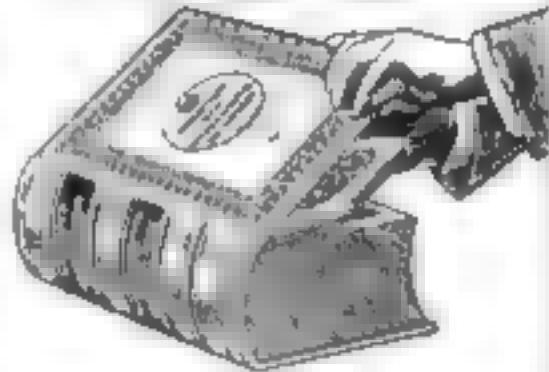
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Making a Small Sheet Metal Punch Press

WORK often done on sensitive drill presses, By Robert S. Lewis blanks to fall through

such as drilling rivet holes in thin sheet metal, could be accomplished more quickly and cheaply on a light punch press. Also, in the experimental departments and in the model building workshops of amateur mechanics, a small punch press is a handy tool.

A punch can be made with little trouble if square bar stock is used for a frame. For punching sheet stock up to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick the power of a heavy hammer blow is sufficient, this does away with the need for rams or toggles.

The main frame of the punch press is made of two $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. square pieces of steel connected with two $\frac{1}{2}$ in. cap screws, which run through the two round pillars, as shown. The pillars are turned and drilled out of cold rolled steel shafting.

The bottom part of the frame is mounted on an iron base, which is secured to the workbench by lag screws.

While individual punches are usually necessary, a single piece will answer for the dies. This die plate, made of tool steel, is fastened to lower member of the frame with a $\frac{1}{2}$ in. flat head machine screw. It is indexed by means of a small index pin. In making this die plate, drill all the index holes as accurately as possible, clamp the die plate on the frame, and by using a sharp center punch in the punch holder, mark off the location of the holes, then drill and ream them to actual size.

Square, triangular, or any shaped holes can be made in the plate. A $\frac{1}{2}$ in. hole central with the punch will allow the

frame is mounted squarely on the pillars in line with the lower part and is slotted for the adjustable guide bolt. It also is drilled on the forward end for the $\frac{1}{2}$ in. punch holder spindle. This punch holder is flattened on its front face and is held from turning by a $\frac{5}{16}$ in. screw and jam nut. On the punch holder is a special collar, which carries a thread for the punch retaining screw and also serves to prevent the punch holder from flying out of its hole.

A rather heavy spring is placed between the conical head of the punch holder and the frame top. It cushions the blow after the punch has gone through the metal and returns the punch and spindle to their upper position.

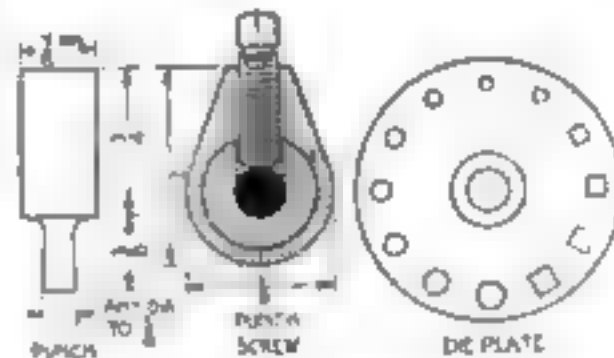
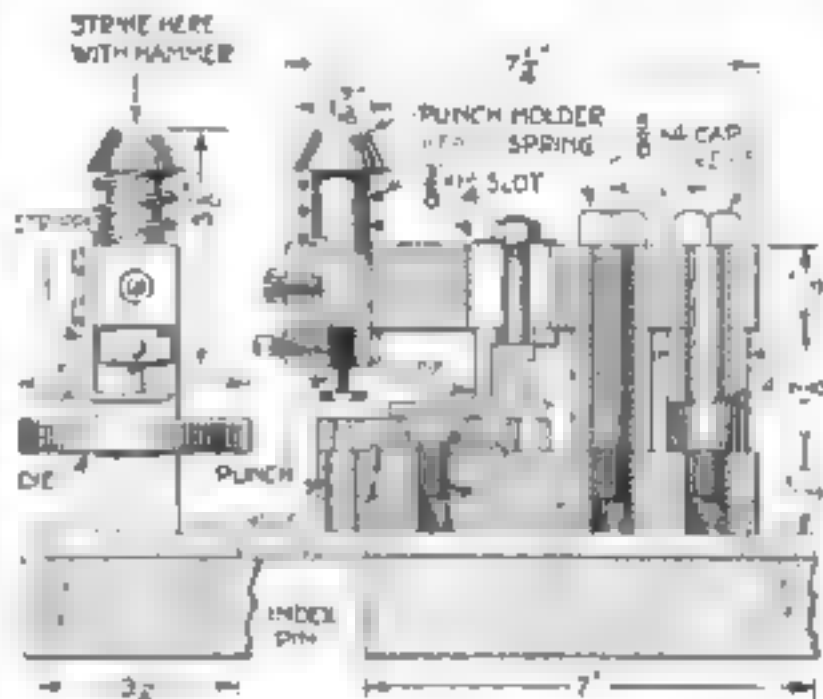
To the side of the upper frame is fastened a sheet metal stripper, which holds the metal down when the punch is being drawn up through the punched hole.

An adjustable guide is used to punch a line of holes equally distant from the edge of a plate. This can be removed so that there will be

a total clearance of $5\frac{1}{4}$ in.

The hammer used to operate the punch should weigh about 5 lbs. Punches are made of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. drill rod suitably hardened and drawn. The die plate is machined up and also hardened and drawn. It should be a good grade of carbon tool steel.

While this is a simple piece of mechanism to build, it will prove a valuable tool and will be appreciated by the workmen because of its small size and large capacity for work.

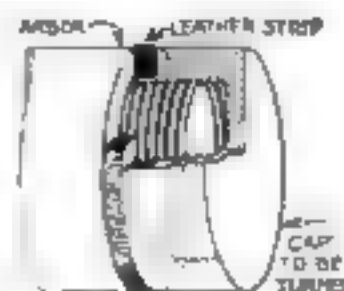


How this useful light punch press is put together, and details of the punch, punch screw, and die plate

Leather Strip Prevents Screw Jamming

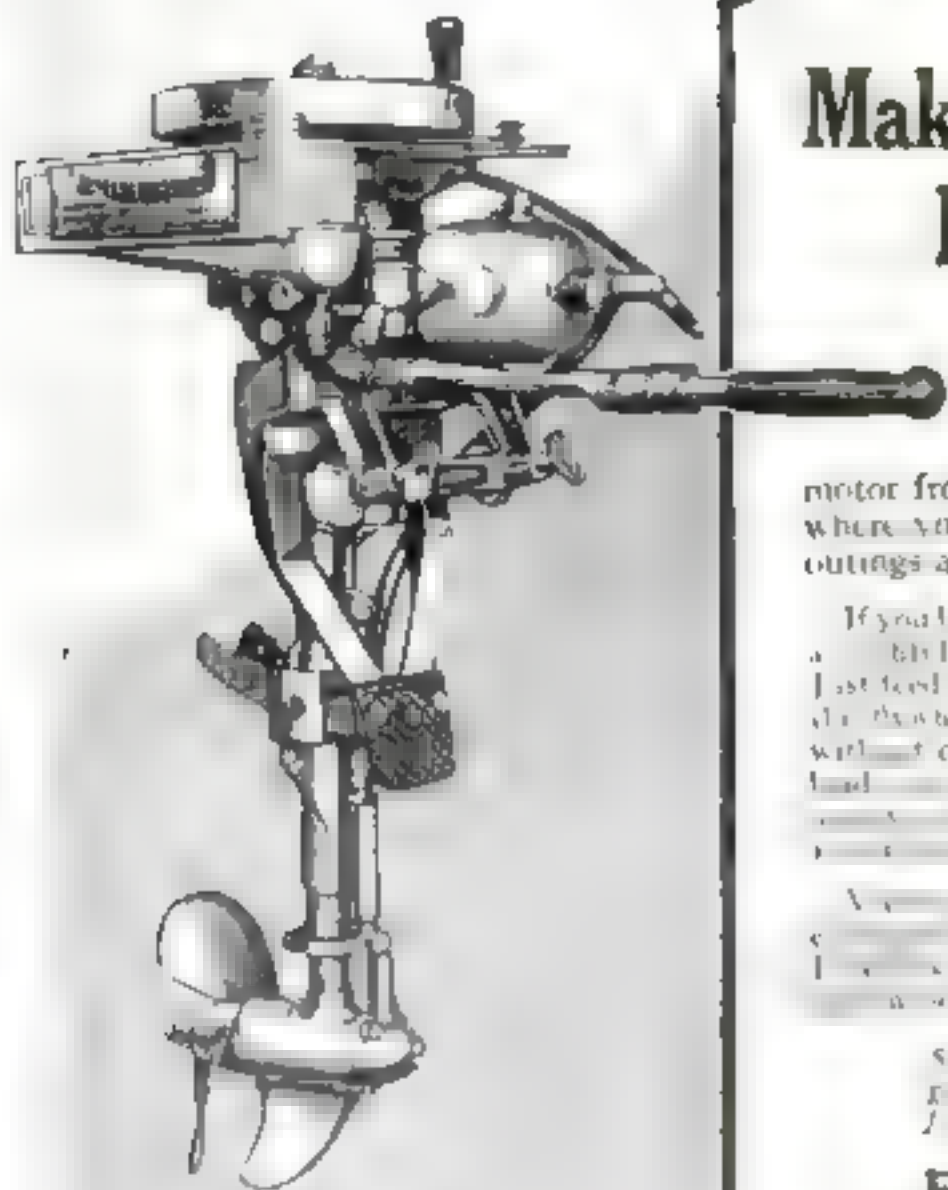
IT IS sometimes necessary to make a cap similar to that shown in the illustration, the outside having to be turned up smooth in a lathe. Where there are quantities to do, make an arbor to fit on, or in, the spindle of the lathe. Where there is but one or two to make, chuck a piece of scrap cast iron in the lathe chuck and make a temporary arbor.

Place a narrow strip of leather around the arbor between the shoulder on the arbor

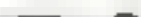


and the face of the cap. Then, when the job is done, pull out the leather and the cap can be unscrewed with the fingers. This method prevents the pressure of the cut from forcing the cap against the shoulder of the arbor so tightly that it is difficult to remove without marring or damaging it.

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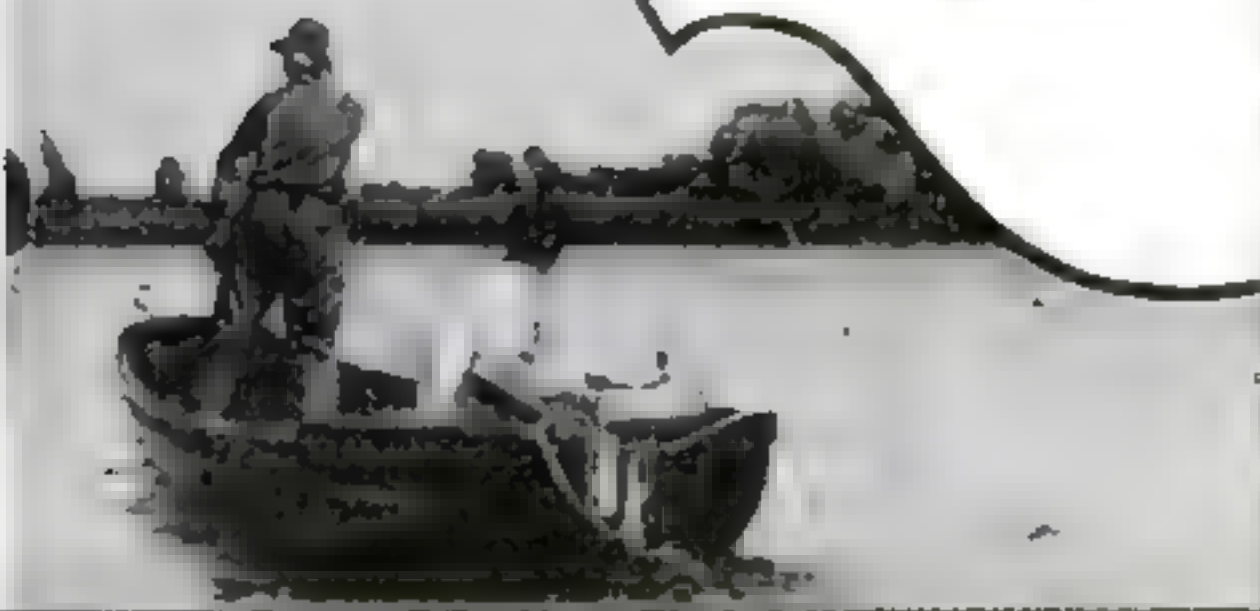
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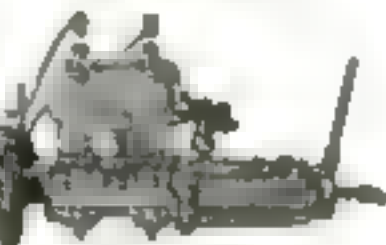
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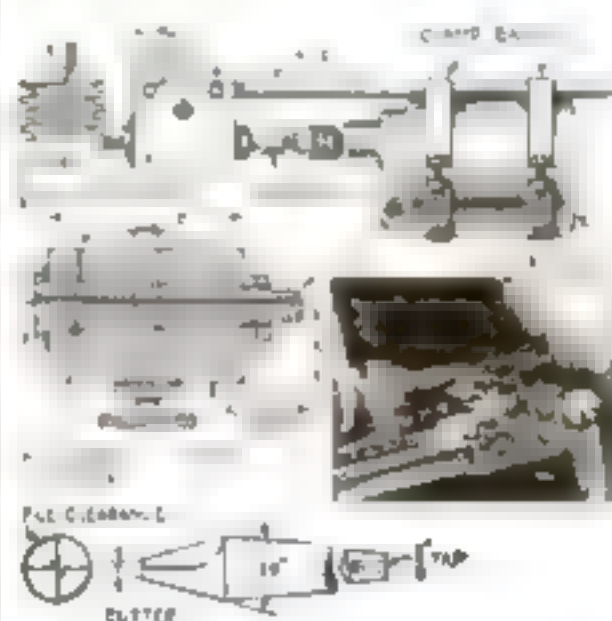
BETTER SHOP METHOD

Attachment Cuts Worms and
Keyways in the Lathe

By James Ellis

THE popularity of worm and wheel reduction units among designers of various classes of machinery has made it necessary for our shop to make a great many worms at various times, and we felt the need of a process more efficient than chasing, yet not requiring costly equipment. The writer therefore designed the attachment illustrated. Since it was built, other uses have been found for it that are almost as valuable as that for which it was designed.

The device is simply a milling attachment for the lathe. The spindle is arranged to take a small end mill the shape of the thread to be cut, and the lathe is geared for the correct lead, as in chasing. Power for the cutter is provided by an electric drill



This small milling attachment with its motor, is mounted on the compound rest of the lathe.

clamped to a bar. The spindle is connected with the cutter spindle with a small universal joint. The average electric drill found in machine shops and garages has ample power for this work.

The head of the attachment is cast iron. It is provided with a key to fit the slot in the compound rest of the lathe. The distance X is made to fit the lathe to be used, the spindle of the attachment must be the same height as the lathe spindle. The type of bearing for the spindle may be varied to suit the builder, but a tapered bearing as shown is probably the best if carefully made, as it permits quick and accurate adjustments and at the same time is very rigid. A steel or bronze washer is doweled to the head and behind it are several washers of thin metal or paper, which are taken out when wear occurs to let the spindle go deeper into the tapered hole. On the other end of the spindle two adjusting nuts are provided.

A hole is drilled to take the 1-in. bar to which the electric drill is clamped. Set-screws hold the bar in place. A hole for a large headed bolt to fasten the attachment to the tool block of the lathe is drilled close to the center of the casting. The steel spindle has a shoulder on one end to take the end thrust and is threaded at the other for the adjusting nuts. The hole in it is bored to fit a No. 2 Morse taper shank and a 7/16-in. hole is drilled through to take a draw-in bolt with a thin head for securing the cutter. The back end of the spindle is

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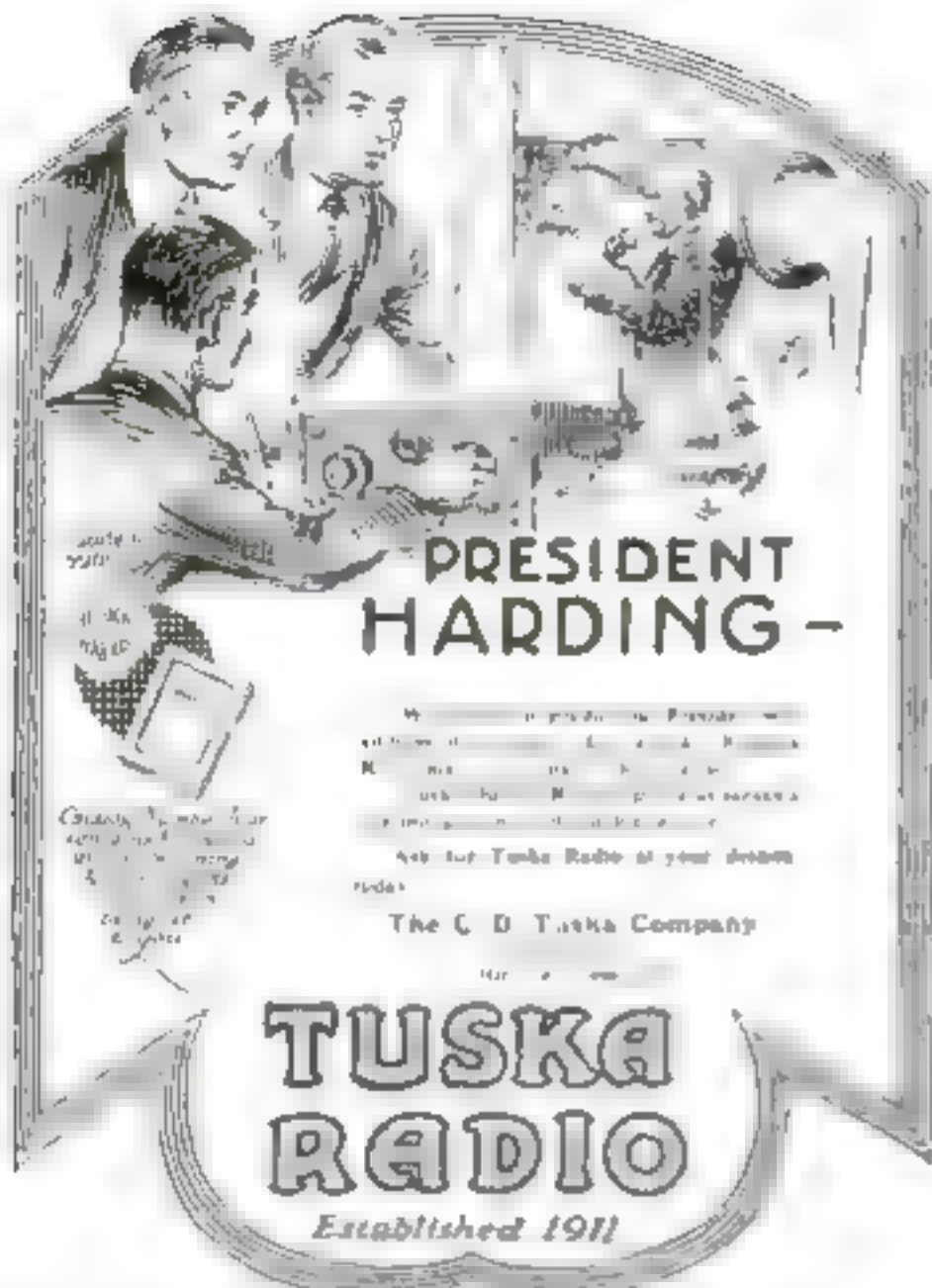
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BETTER SHOP METHODS

Attachment Cuts Worms

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squared or "hexed" to fit a socket wrench and made to fit loosely over the end of the spindle. This is to give a certain amount of flexibility to the connection so that the drill need not be aimed exactly and to permit the motor to be removed with very little trouble. The socket must be deep enough to go over the head of the bolt and the shank small enough to go in the drill chuck.

The cutters are made of tool steel. For the smaller sizes they are two-lipped; the larger ones have three or four teeth. The cutters are all made to the standard included angle of 29 degrees and vary for the different pitches by the size of the small diameter $\frac{1}{2}$.

How the Device Is Operated

After the attachment is bolted to the tool block and the drill attached, the lathe is back geared and the gears to give the correct lead are put on. The blank is put between centers and the cutter set to cut the correct depth by measurement or by using the micrometer dial of the lathe. The carriage is run away from the work and the nut engaged. The belt is pulled by hand til the cutter is almost up to the work so that all lost motion in any of the parts is taken up. Now the drill is started and the pulling of the belt by hand continued. As the cutter enters the work, the behavior of the motor will tell whether the feed is too fast or too slow. If the feed is too fast, the drill will slow down giving warning and protecting the cutter from breaking. Care should be taken to see that the feeding is regular and continuous. Do not jerk the belt. On small worms only one cut need be taken but on coarse pitches it is advisable to divide the work between two cuts. If the thread is multiple, the indexing is accomplished in any of the usual ways, such as moving the carriage a definite distance. In cutting steel a copious supply of oil or cutting compound should be directed on the cutter.

Cuts Splines and Keyways

Another use to which this device is put is cutting keyways and splines in shafts. Tapered shafts, which are troublesome to set up on the milling machine, shafts with gears of other projections in place, may be keyseated without trouble with this device by using a small end mill.

We have built another of these attachments to fit a large lathe, 32-in swing, and the attachment is used almost exclusively for keyseating. Large work that has been turned up can be keyseated before being taken out of the lathe, which effects a considerable saving of time in handling. Such work as heavy rolls too large to put on the milling machine table, compounded and cumbersome parts, such as dough mixer beaters or multiple throw crankshafts, may be put between centers and keyseated in a short time. This large attachment takes cutters with No. 3 shanks, has a worm and wheel drive of 10 to one ratio, to give more power to the cutter, and the electric drive stands parallel to the lathe axis.

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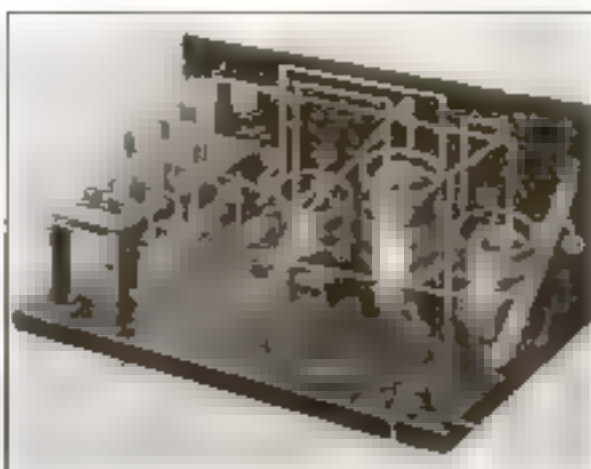
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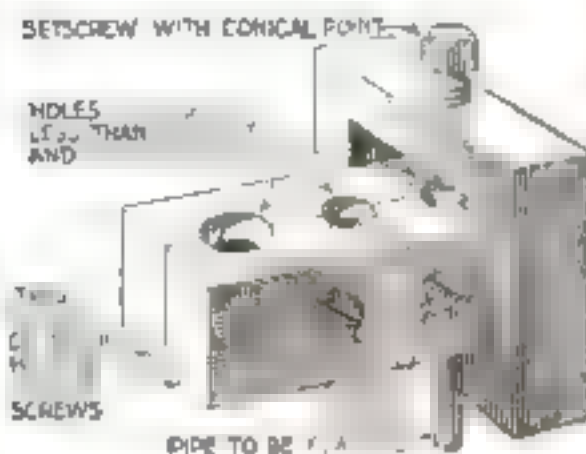


BETTER SHOP METHODS

Block Fixture for Forming Flanges on Copper Pipes

SUCCESS in making gasoline and oil line connections that will not leak depends mainly upon the flanging of the copper pipe. A shallow or an uneven flange is difficult to draw up firmly enough to prevent leakage, and there is danger of stripping the thread from the coupling in an effort to tighten the joint.

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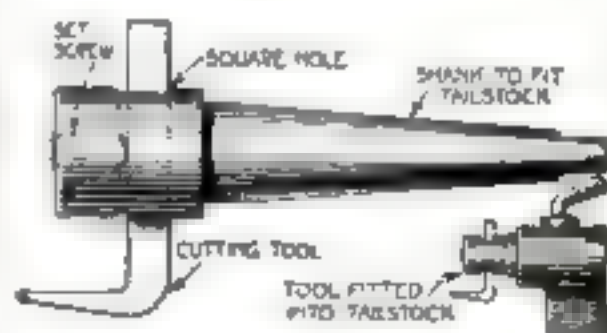
Conical point on set-screw forces pipe for making gasoline and oil line connections

punch and hammer. The device consists primarily of a block in which holes have been drilled of diameters slightly less than the stock sizes of pipe. These holes are countersunk and the block is cut in two after other holes are drilled and tapped for screws to hold the sections together.

A block shaped like a square C clamp is made to fit over these parts. A 1/4-in. set-screw is fitted into the clamp, as shown, and the end of it is ground to a conical point. It is then only necessary to place the pipe in the fixture and screw down the set-screw. The pipe will not split unless it is hard, under which circumstances it should be annealed by heating and quenching in water.—L. D. J.

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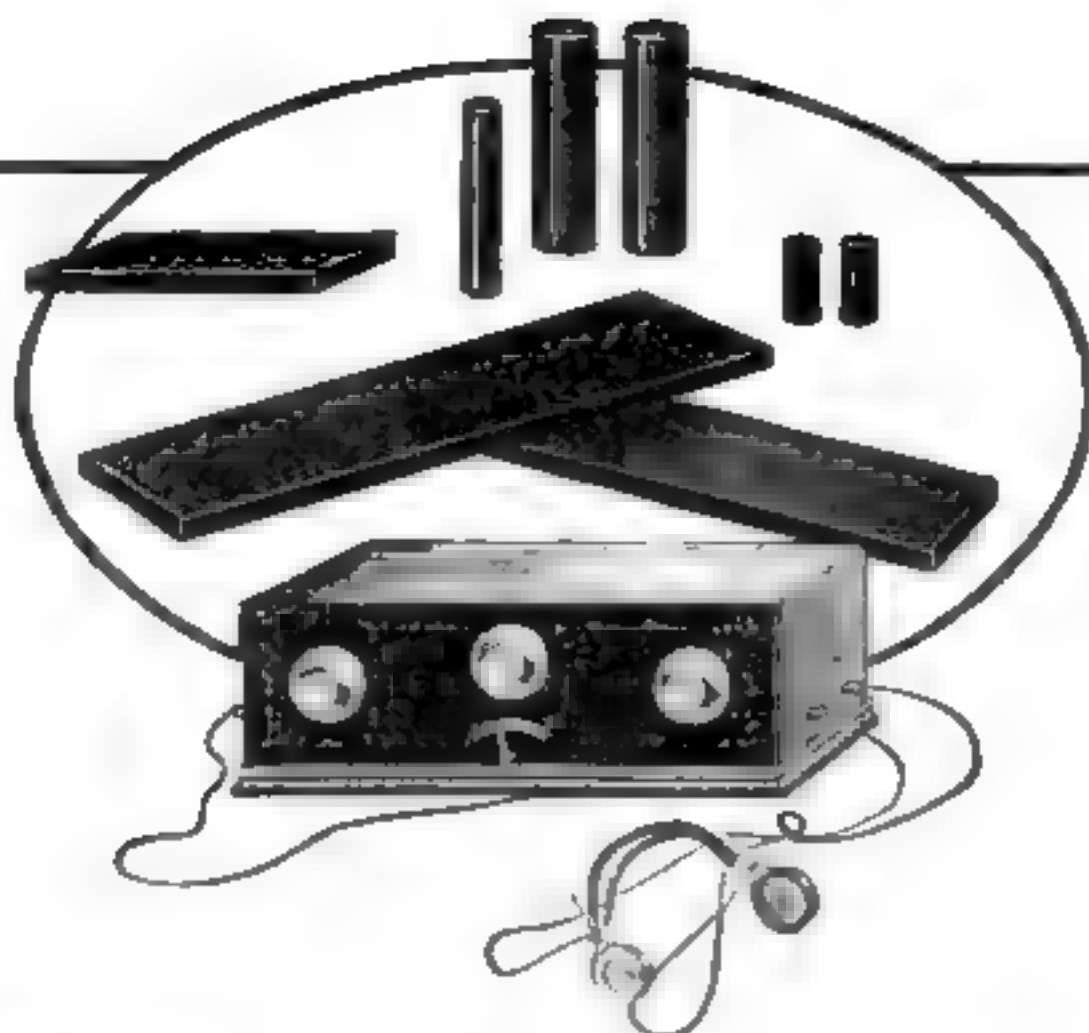
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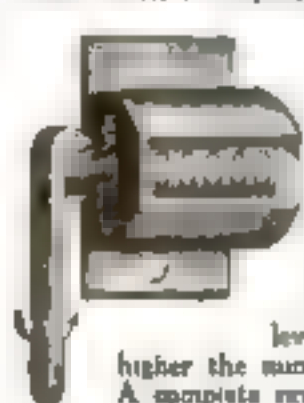
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How to Build a Cedar Chest

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plated hinges may be used, and two heavy chest stays should be provided.

Great care should be taken in finishing the chest. The cedar is always left in the natural color and requires merely to be varnished. If the mahogany is of a dark variety, it also can be left in the natural color, but ordinarily it should be stained either by applying a mahogany stain before filling or by using a mahogany filler.

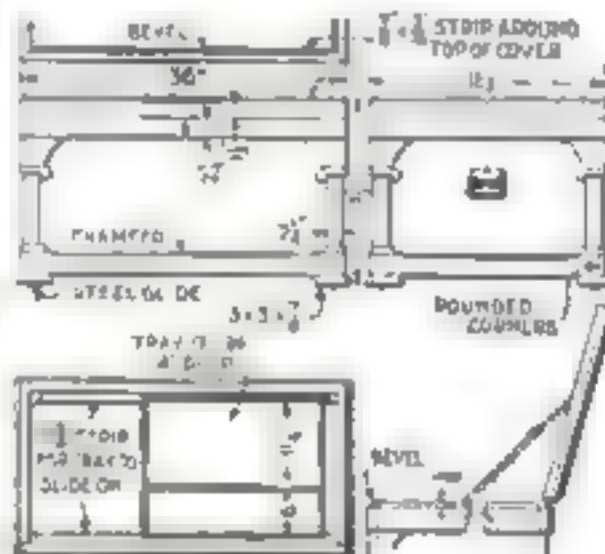
If natural colored paste filler is darkened with burnt sienna, the result will usually give a brown mahogany color that looks well. If an antique mahogany finish is desired, the wood can be stained before filling with a solution of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of potassium

1-in. brads, the heads of which are cut off with pliers before the brads are set; then, when driven in, they do not leave large holes to be filled in finishing.

Three stout brass hinges are used for hinging the cover and two chains provided to prevent its falling backward. A brass lock and handles are put on after the chest is varnished. A sliding tray 4 in. deep and 1 ft. shorter than the chest is pro-



A neat and substantial homemade chest built according to details at the left



Details of chest shown at the right

bichromate in 1 pt. of hot water, applied cold. In any case, the mahogany should be filled with paste filler.

Additional working details and bill of materials for this chest are contained in Home Workshop Blueprint No. 17 and will be sent anywhere for 25 cents to cover the cost of blueprinting and handling.

One advantage in building a chest is that it can be designed to suit the space available. Sometimes commercial chests are too long or do not, in the smaller sizes, have sufficient capacity. It was to overcome objections of this sort E. E. Scott of Pittsfield, Mass., designed and built the chest illustrated above.

The lumber required is 26 board feet of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. stock and 30 linear feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ by $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. stock. The material is cut roughly to size and tongued and grooved at the mill for a small extra charge. The corners are not dovetailed, the trim serving to cover up the screws that hold the joints together.

The first step is to match up the boards for the bottom, glue and clamp them together and, after the glue is dry, to cut out a rectangle $25\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $17\frac{1}{2}$ in. The sides and ends are then built up, all being joined at the corners with $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. screws, countersunk. The corners are reinforced inside with 1-in. quarter round molding.

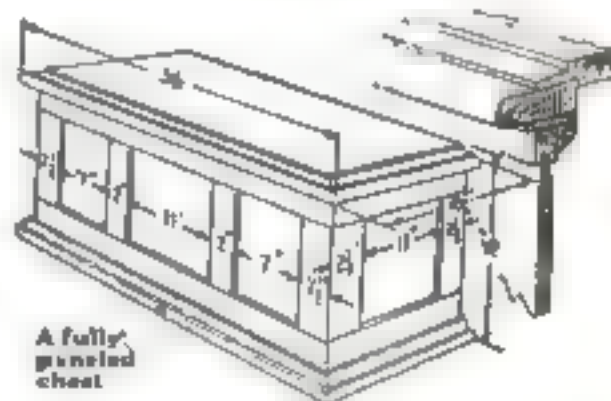
The trim is then cut and fitted. The corner joints in this case are mitered and the trim is attached with liquid glue and

vided. It can be covered with cretonne.

The finish is three coats of varnish, each sandpapered, followed by a final coat that should be sanded and rubbed with No. 0 steel wool, and polished with powdered pumice stone and oil. It then should be rubbed with curly horsehair.

Usually the inside shows the bare wood, but a good cretonne could be used in this case to conceal the wood and the fabric quickly becomes saturated with the delicate red cedar odor. This adds a distinctive feature not found in purchased chests.

Two of many styles of chests made entirely of cedar are shown in the small illustrations on page 78. These are fin-



A fully paneled chest

ished in the natural wood and are ornamented with copper bands. Sizes that seem to be the most popular are 15 in. high, 19 in. wide, and 35, 40, or 44 in. long, and 17 in. high, 21 in. wide, and 48 in. long.

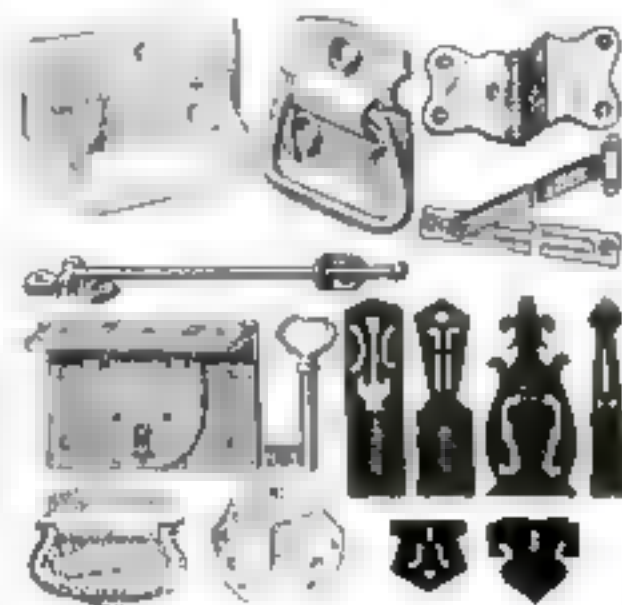
The chest illustrated above is not so frequently seen. The sides and ends are paneled, the rails and stiles being $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. stock and the panels $\frac{1}{2}$ in. The box itself is 36 in. long, 16 in. wide, and 16 in. high, the lid and base extending 1 in. beyond the sides and ends.

Hardware and trimmings for chests are shown in the illustrations on page 101. The larger handles have plates about $2\frac{1}{2}$

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by $5\frac{1}{2}$ in. They are made in copper finish, brass, and bronze.

One leaf of a chest hinge is offset $\frac{1}{2}$ in. so that it bears against both the edge and the inside surface of the back of the chest. In some of the finer chests a continuous or "piano" hinge is used; this was the case in the original model of the "blueprint" chest. Stays and supports are made in both the styles illustrated and range from 6 to 14 in.



in length. Locks also vary in size, workmanship, and finish.

This gage copper bands for trimming chests can be obtained in various sizes, the most common being 2 or 4 in. wide, 11, 14, 22 and 28 in. long. Most of these bands have a satin finish and are lacquered to prevent tarnishing. Fancy designs are also frequently used. The one illustrated with the f openings is intended to be bent around chest corners. The two escutcheons are stock designs, but it is a simple matter to cut original designs from the plain strips. Copperized nails are used ordinarily for attaching the strips. Trimmings in imitation of old hammered copper are also manufactured. All these supplies can be obtained through hardware dealers or manual training supply companies.

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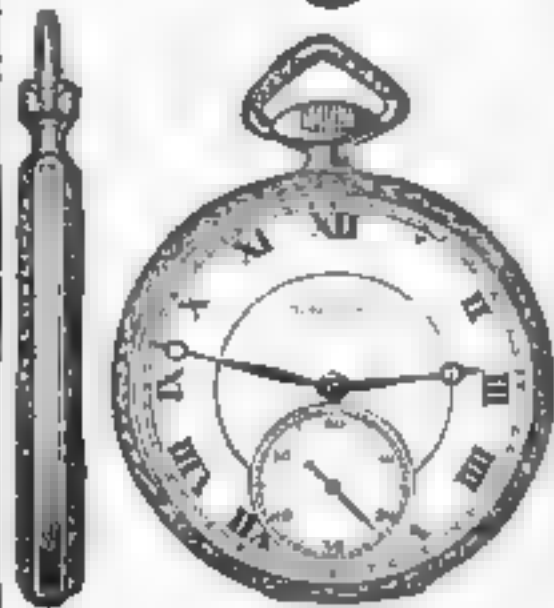
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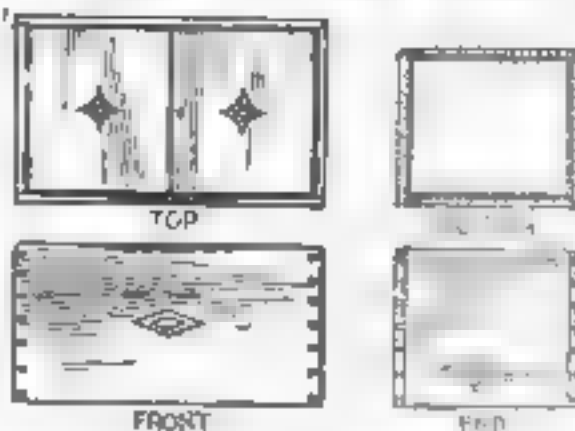
Cedar Lined Chest Has Double Lids

THE feature of this neat and craftsman-like cedar-lined chest is two doors or lids that take the place of a large cumbersome one. These lids have the usual halved joint with a small bead on the edge where they meet at the center. The diamond in the center of each lid is carved to form a recess, as shown. This gives a grip by which to lift the lids without the necessity of using a handle that projects above the top. Flush brass ring pulls may be used instead, and if handles are desired at the ends of the chest, it is well to use flush chest handles, which can be obtained in various designs and finishes.

The chest proper may be made of any $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. wood available. The lining is of cedar, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. or thinner.

Even cigar box wood will do, if no other can conveniently be obtained. The size of the chest shown is 17 by 17 in. by 2 ft. 9 in. This is a medium size chest and for a larger one the dimensions might be 17 in. high, 20 in. wide and 3 ft. long.

Dovetail joints are used at the corners because a fine dovetail is always the sign of good workmanship and needs no embellishment and projecting moldings to enhance its value. Many hand dovetails and



The outside of this chest may be made of any wood, only the lining being of cedar. The general design is shown above and the details appear at the left.

all machine dovetails are very much coarser than those shown, but for the best results these proportions should be followed. If it is not desired to go to so much trouble, a simpler type of joint may be substituted.

Feet can readily be added and they may either be carved or plain blocks about 4 in. square with the edges slightly rounded and projecting $\frac{3}{4}$ in. Screw the feet from underneath to the bottom of the chest at the corners.—A. E.

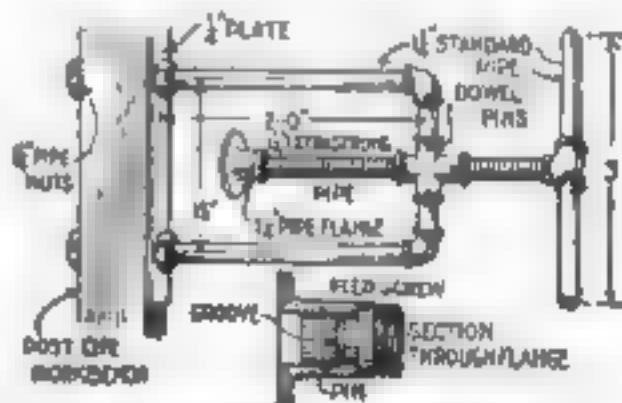
Pipe Fittings Form Powerful Press

A CLAMPING, gripping and pressing fixture of ample size is a valuable addition to the home workshop. It saves straining the vise jaws, takes work that cannot be accommodated in the ordinary vise and does away with the necessity of improvising clamps.

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A reinforcement of either $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. steel or iron plate is essential under the clamp. The

two pipe columns pass through the holes bored in the post and are secured by nuts on either face. They support a cross member that is connected to them by means of



A rugged, cheaply made fixture of wide utility in the small shop.

elbows and has a cross pipe connection in the center. Threaded into this is the feed screw, the upper end of which terminates in a pipe tee and two lengths of pipe to serve as the handle. The opposite end of the screw is fitted with a loose pipe flange secured with a pin.

Variations from the sizes indicated may be made, and smaller or larger pipe and connections may be substituted. The joints are treated with red or white lead and secured with drive-fit dowels.—S. N.

"Best Idea" Prizes Awarded for March

AS A bonus for the "Best Idea" articles contributed to the March Home Workshop, the following awards are made:

FIRST PRIZE, \$15 Gladstone Califf, Richland, Iowa, "How to Remodel Old Furniture Profitably" (see page 104).

SECOND PRIZE, \$10. A. M. Smyth, Germantown, Pa. "Papering Ceilings" (see page 132).

Both of the prize-winning articles contain exceedingly helpful suggestions for

the home worker. Mr. Califf shows that it is rarely necessary to throw away an old piece of furniture. No matter how "second-hand" it may be, the handy worker can refinish it so that it will be both useful and attractive as proved by illustrations accompanying the article.

As for the paperhanging suggestions in Mr. Smyth's article, if followed carefully, they will insure success in the one task that holds the most terrors for the home decorator—papering ceilings.

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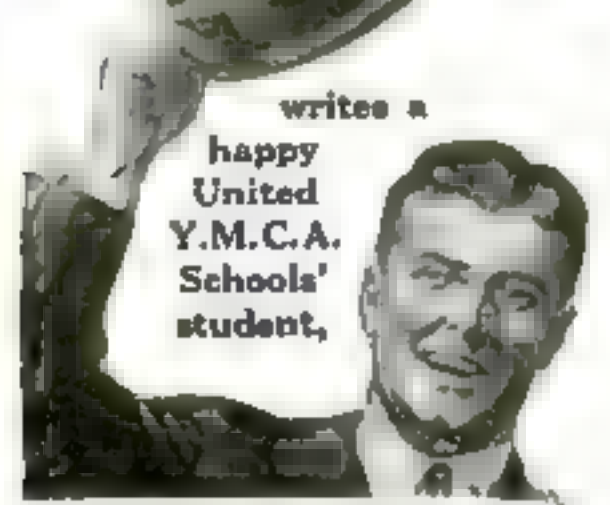
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How to Remodel Old Furniture Profitably

By Gladstone Califf

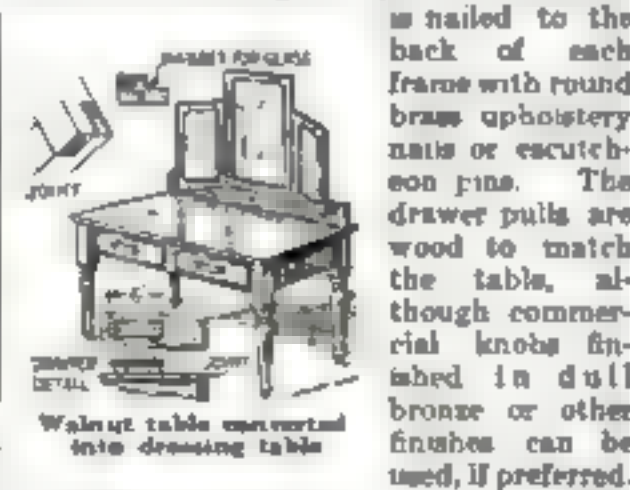
IS THERE an old table in your attic that might be refinished, or a bureau of your grandmother that could be remodeled into a writing desk, or an old walnut breakfast table with a warped top that might be transformed into a dressing table? If so, why not undertake the work now, when the evenings are long and your home workshop is particularly inviting? You can do all sorts of miracles in the way of remodeling and refinishing old pieces, as I know from my own experience.

Almost every family has old pieces of furniture that belong to the past and are cherished only for their associations. These possess little value from the viewpoint of a secondhand dealer, but often can be given considerable actual value by a little work with tools and brush.

Suppose you have an old walnut table with a good top and two drop leaves, as I had. You can do many things with it and one is to make a dressing table. Pick out the side that has the best appearance and cut out openings for the drawers in the rail. Make the drawers to fit, being sure to get them square and true. This work is not difficult especially if you are lucky enough to have a combination plane. The sides and bottom of the drawers can be made of soft wood, such as cypress.

Drop Leaves Make Mirror Frames

The mirror rest is a straight piece of walnut; the frames are material from the drop leaves, the corners being fastened with halved joints. The glass fits into rabbets cut in the back of the frames. The center frame is stationary and the two side ones are hinged to it with loose pin butt hinges. The glass is dropped into the rabbet, a piece of heavy paper is laid over it, and it is fastened in place with brads driven into the frame at an angle. A piece of wallboard



is nailed to the back of each frame with round brass upholstery nails or escutcheon pins. The drawer pulls are wood to match the table, although commercial knobs finished in dull bronze or other finishes can be used, if preferred. Perhaps the table you have is a little larger or smaller; you can use your own judgment as to dimensions. If you run out of wood, you can find what you want at a lumber yard, except perhaps some of the finer hard woods, such as walnut, but even then the lumber dealer will get it for you or you can buy it by mail from one of the large firms specializing in lumber for manual training classes. An old washstand or a very small table can be converted into a dressing table by

using the ends as they are and mortising longer rails at the front and back. The washstand drawer, if there was one, will probably serve for the dressing table.

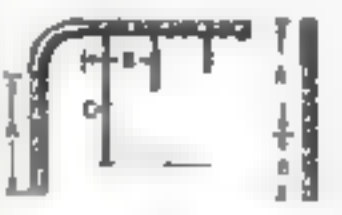
Perhaps you have a discarded bedstead of some kind; it offers many opportunities. I converted an old fashioned walnut bed known as a Jenny Lind bed, into the card table illustrated. The table has a double top. The half that ordinarily stands against the wall can be let down and the whole top revolved so that the hinged joint runs across the frame, and both halves are supported squarely and centrally over the frame. The top is square when opened to its full extent. The proper place for the pivot can be found by trial.



Card table made from discarded walnut bed

The legs were made by sawing off the parts marked A, B, and C. Each pair of parts A and B was joined together with a dowel. Some work was saved because the lower part of A was already mortised. The sides of the bed provided material for the sides and ends of the table. The leaves from an old table were used for the top.

Another old table made the fern stand illustrated; in fact, it is simply the table without the top, the end rails being cut down to give the desired width. A narrow strip of wood nailed on top of the rails provides a ledge for the rim of the metal lining. This copper or galvanized iron lining can either be made at home or ordered from a tin shop.



The attractiveness of the fern box is enhanced if a bird cage is hung over it. If possible, make and finish the bird cage of material to match the table and support it from an arm screwed to the back of the stand. Hinge the door of the cage and provide a small metal sand and gravel tray to slip into the cage through a slot at one side.

An old fashioned cupboard of walnut lent itself readily to being remodeled into a china closet, although it could just as well have been made a most attractive bookcase. This particular cupboard had tin panels in the sides and doors; these were replaced with wooden panels in the sides and with leaded glass in the doors.



Old table adapted as fern stand

Another table provided the material for a piano bench. This is a simple matter and calls for the making of only two mortise and tenon joints. The legs are two pieces glued and nailed together, the heads of the nails being set and the holes filled with sawdust and glue. An old fashioned clock case was turned into a fine medicine chest.

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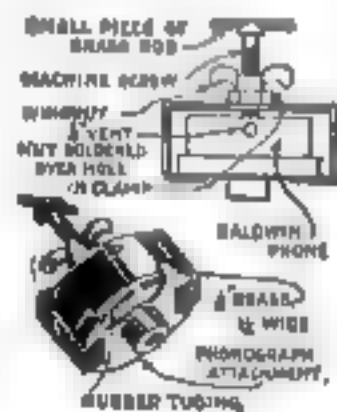
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clamp and has a nut soldered over a hole in the center to take a bolt with a wingnut. A piece of brass rod or a nail is soldered to the bolt-head as a handle.

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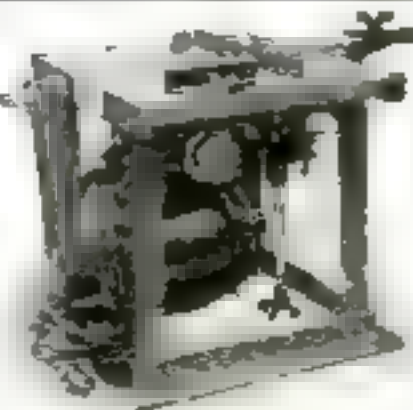
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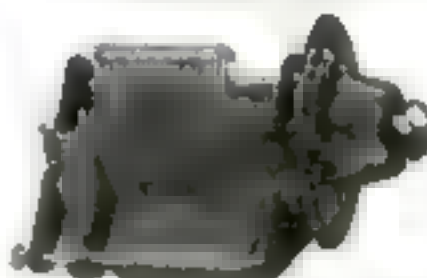
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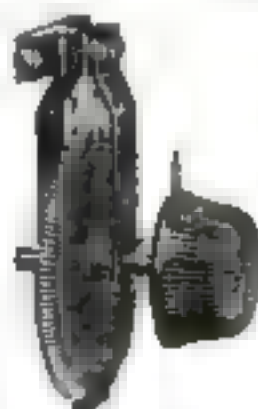
DIALS



All Bakelite. Non-warping, reinforced construction. 3/16" shaft with bushings for 3/4" and 1/2" shafts included.

No. 501 3" Dial	\$1.00
No. 502 4" Dial	1.25

RHEOSTATS



No. 501

The Kellogg rheostat is simple in design, having but one movable part. The resistance wire is carried on a rotor of high grade insulating material and the contact arms are so placed that a slight movement brings in the one-half turn of the wire, giving a vernier effect. The knob is the same type and size as the Kellogg dial.

No. 501 Rheostat.....	\$1.50
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VARIOMETERS



All Bakelite mounted Variometer. Two rotor and three stator terminals. Standard wound. For panel or base mounting.

No. 501 Variometer.....	\$3.00
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Tools for the Home Workshop

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generally a 7-in. slim taper file for a 6, 8, or 7 pt. saw, a 6-in. slim taper file for a 8 or 9 pt. saw, and a 5-in. slim taper file for a 10, 11, or 12 pt. saw.

Clamp the saw in a saw vise with the point or toe at the left end, beginning at the left, file alternate teeth the entire length of the blade. Place the file well into the gullet at about the angle at which the teeth originally were filed, and see that the tooth that is set toward the other side of the saw is on the right side of the file. The position of the file on the teeth of a crosscut and rip saw is shown at B and C, Fig 2. The file can be either held level, as at F, or tilted up, as at G. The latter angle is more difficult to maintain unless an adjustable vise is used, in which case the whole saw can be tilted so that the file itself may still be held level. The difference in the resulting shape of the teeth is indicated at D and E.

Ordinarily the point of the file is pointed a trifle toward the point of the saw, although a rip-saw for general work can be filed straight across. The exact angle at which the file should point back is quickly learned by experience and varies with the sort of work that is to be done. Some mechanics, however, will tell you that the file should point toward the handle end, as a matter of fact, opinions differ, but if the file is pointed toward the handle, the point of the file must be tilted up as shown in the oblique position at G. When the saw is reversed to file from the other side, the same angles are maintained, only now the teeth that are set away are on the left of the file. The final step (H) is to pass a hard oilstone over the sides of the teeth lightly once or twice to remove any wire edges produced in filing.

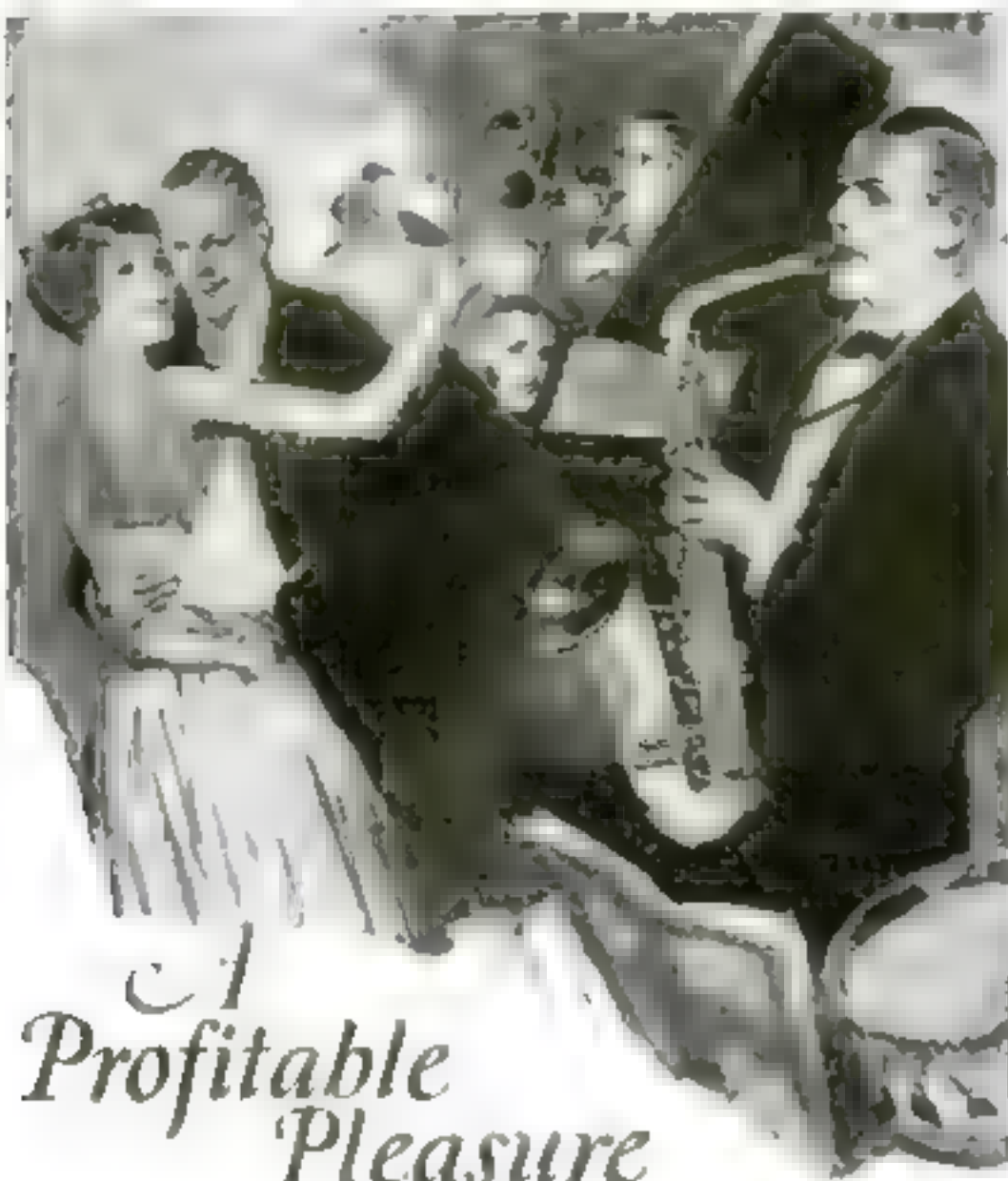
Protecting Tools from Rust

The best protection for tools that I have found is to pass a rag saturated with good lubricating oil over all the saws, chisels, planes, and bits now and then. If this is done over both wood and steel every two or three weeks, the tools will look almost like new after years of service. If the steel should get damp with rain or otherwise, a piece of very fine sandpaper or fine pumice stone powder should be rubbed on with some oil. When tools are to be put away for some time, it is advisable to mix a little vasoline with the oil, to give it a greater body, and cover the steel parts liberally.

If damp-proof drawers or closets are not available, a carpenter's "shoulder box" is a good substitute. By getting into the habit of slipping the tools into their individual racks or places every time one gets through using them, and if the oil rubs are not omitted, the tools can be kept in good shape even in a damp place. Boxes arranged to receive complete working sets of tools are now made at such reasonable prices that even mechanics prefer to buy rather than to make them. Bits, fine chisels, and gouges are done up in cloth rolls with pockets for each tool. These usually come with complete sets of tools, but they can easily be made at home.

When you strike a nail with a bit, restore the edge with an auger bit file or a fine warding file. Keep to the angle in which the bit was formed and never file on the outside. Do not file any more than is ab-

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You can now get radio panels already cut to a size to fit your needs. For your convenience we are making Condensite Celoron Radio Panels in seven standard sizes. No longer will you have to wait and pay extra cost for having your panel cut to order.

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| 3. 7x12x $\frac{3}{8}$ | 6. 7x21x $\frac{3}{16}$ |
| | 7. 12x14x $\frac{3}{16}$ |

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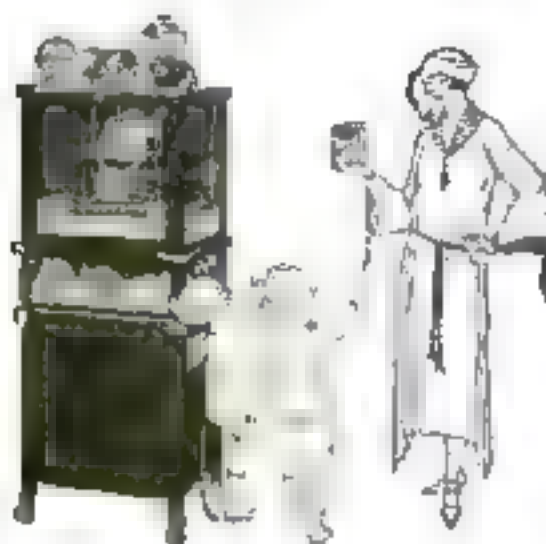
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Appendix 2: *Continued* Table 1. *Continued*

A New Butter-Kist Popcorn Machine at Half Former Price!



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For a small down-payment this new Gold Mine Model will be shipped immediately to any responsible retailer. Within a few hours after its receipt you can be earning big profits, selling the world-famous Butter-Kist Popcorn, out of which you should easily and quickly pay the balance.

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BUTTER-KIST
Popcorn and Peanut Machines

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The Tools I Use

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use when sawing any of the harder metals, as it lessens breakage through cramped and wedged blades.

One of my most used tools is my bench plate, which is made of a 1-in. section of a 6-in. square steel billet. This I shaped on both sides. I use one side for rough work and the other for finished work and laying out. Once I caught a neighbor trying to straighten a nail on the good side of the plate, and I made him think he had committed an awful crime before I was through preaching to him about bench plates, their use and abuse.

Of wrenches and pliers I have a goodly number, of all shapes and sizes.

My carpenter tools consist of a fine toothback saw, a crosscut saw, an all iron block plane, smooth plane, wood chisels of many sizes, as well as gouges and carving tools. Ratchet brace and bits, expansion bits, a fretsaw, a turning saw for curved or circular sawing, a 10-in. pair of tin shears, together with a good husky blowtorch and soldering irons complete my outfit.

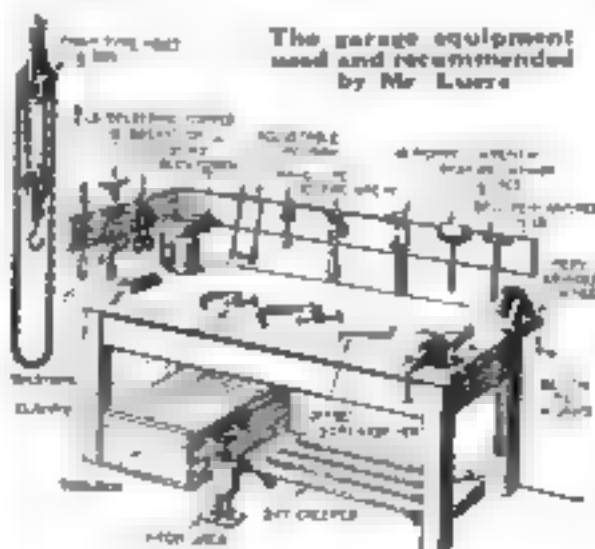
With these tools always kept sharp and in the pink of condition, I am ready at any time to build a new experimental model or repair the many mechanical contrivances that are found in the modern home.

How I Choose a Set of Tools for Repairing My Auto

By George A. Luere

IN SELECTING tools for my own tool roll and for my garage, I followed a definite plan that has proved satisfactory and economical. Starting at the radiator and working back to the rear axle, I examined each detail of the mechanism of my car to obtain a good idea of the fastenings, bearings, adjustments, packings, and working parts, and consequently of the tools necessary for making such repairs and adjustments as might be necessary. This study resulted in the selection of a kit of tools, so that I am now never handicapped in making repairs.

You may ask the result of this tool selection and care. Here is the answer: A thoroughly efficient car, free from roadside



trouble, ready at any time for any destination, and able to travel as fast as the law allows and sometimes faster.

My collection of tools is somewhat larger than the usual because it has been gathered over a long period and the purchases have really meant economy in that I have been

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Auto Repairing Tools

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able to keep my car out of repair shops. The tools that I consider indispensable to the car owner who desires a collection of his own are indicated in bold face type in the list that follows:

FOR THE ENGINE

Spark plug wrench
Spring compressor, adjustable
Valve grinder
2 open end valve adjusting wrenches
Main bearing socket wrench
Connecting rod socket wrench
Cylinder scraper, 10 in.
Wire scratch brush, 2 in.
Contact file, 5 in.
3 contact adjusting wrenches

FOR WHEELS AND WHEEL BEARINGS

Hub cap screw wrench
Bearing and nut puller
Open end wrench
Ball joint puller
Wheel puller, screw type

FOR THE CHASSIS

Chassis spring adjuster
Hinge bolt wrench
Chassis screw, 1/2 in.

FOR THE TRANSMISSION

Transmission bearing adjusting open end wrench
Ball joint puller

FOR THE UNIVERSAL JOINT

Socket wrench
Open end wrench

FOR THE BRAKES

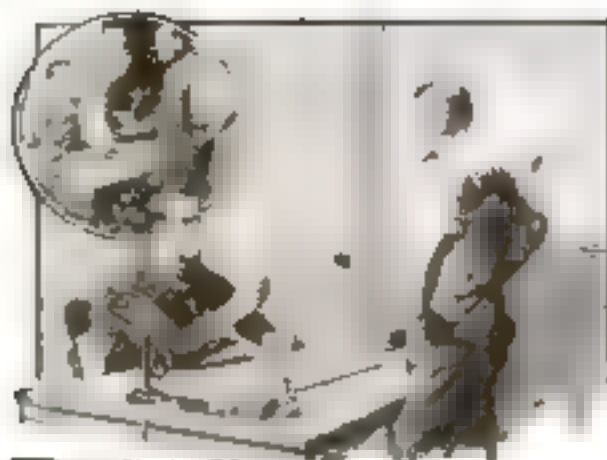
Wing nut spanner wrench
Chain end wrench

FOR THE DIFFERENTIAL

2 differential adjusting open end wrenches

FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

Screwdrivers, 6 in. and 12 in.
Adjustable end wrench, 6 in.
Ball point hammer, 1 lb.
Adjustable pliers, 5 in. and 6 in.
Set of double end wrenches in 61 bolt sizes from 1 to 1 1/2 in.
Set of sockets with wrench handle for same sizes. (These are obtained least expensively in full sets.)
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Rolling "Your Own" with the Simplest Cigarette Machine

A SMALL piece of tracing cloth and a meat skewer are all that is necessary to make a cigarette rolling "machine." The device is amusingly simple and yet turns out cigarettes that are rolled as well as machines made "butts." The cigarettes can be made thin or thick, tight or loose at will.

The skewer or other small wooden rod of about the same diameter is split in half for 3 in. from one end. In this split is glued one



How the tobacco and paper are placed in the "machine" when starting to roll

long edge of a piece of tracing cloth $2\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 in. so that the device somewhat resembles a miniature flag.

To roll a cigarette, the paper, preferably with a gummed edge, is placed on the tracing cloth and the tobacco is distributed evenly on it as if for hand rolling. The outside edge of the tracing cloth is brought over the stick so as to form a loose cylinder, with tobacco and paper inside and the end of the



Rolling a cigarette step-by-step. Paper and tobacco are placed on the tracing cloth and the handle is turned forward, as shown in the three upper views. Turning the handle backward then releases the cigarette.

stick is then turned in the direction shown in the diagram until the cigarette is wrapped as tightly as desired.

Next the handle is turned in the opposite direction while the fingers of the left hand control the movement and prevent the cigarette's loosening. This results in the tracing cloth being unwound from the cigarette, and it is then necessary only to stick down the edge of the paper.—R. S. G.

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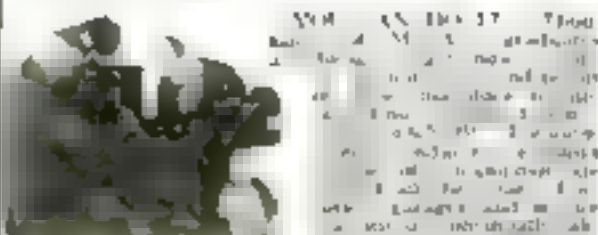
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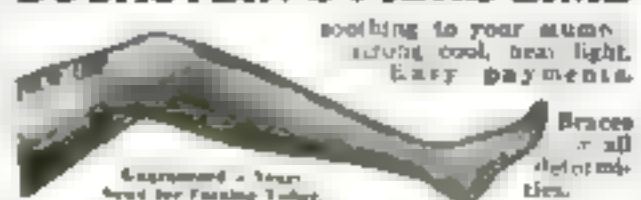
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Man and His World

Some of the specks found that they could get more food by trying for it. They found it no longer advisable merely to drift about aimlessly, letting the water bring them whatever it happened to contain. And now the living specks made a fundamental decision, a decision that has affected the entire course of life since that day. Some of them made one decision; some made another. This was the first divergence, the first branching of the tree of life.

One group of the specks learned how to move. If there was not enough food where they happened to be, they learned to go somewhere else where food might be more plentiful. The specks of this group became animals. They discovered the spirit of adventure. They invented purpose and purposeful movement.

Another group of the specks took another road. They discovered that it was possible to manufacture their own food. They learned how to absorb sunlight, how to take up certain very simple chemicals, abundant in the water, and how to use the sunlight to convert these chemicals into food.

Plants—the World's Food Factories

These specks became plants. They still have this power of making food. Green plants still absorb sunlight in their leaves and they still use this, as we shall see in a later article, to manufacture food materials out of simple non-living chemicals. The green plants are the chemical food factories upon which all life depends.

For the primeval specks that decided to be plants, motion was unnecessary. Indeed, it might be a handicap. So these primeval plants learned to sit still. They developed rootlike projections that held them fast to the rocks.

This was the origin, we believe, of the first great distinction between the plant stem and the animal stem. Another distinction followed very soon. The animal cells, reproducing rapidly, began to grow short of food again.

Certain of their cousins, you remember, had settled down on the sea bottom near the shore where the light was good and had established food factories. They had become plants. The animal-like specks cast a greedy eye on these supplies of food. What more natural than that they should decide to steal it? They learned to eat the plants.

We animals have done this ever since. Those pirate specks, our ancestors, invented our particular way of meeting a need of food. They took it away from some one else. To this day all animals live by eating plants or by eating other animals who, in turn, have lived on plants. Plants alone know how to feed themselves. They know it so well that they are able also to feed the rest of the world.

At first the distinction between plants and animals was probably not a sharp one. Some of the specks were undecided for a while which path to take. They combined the characters of plants with those of animals. Indeed, there are still alive some tiny water creatures like this—creatures that are somewhat like animals, somewhat like plants. They are green and they can feed themselves, as plants do, but they can move about as animals do.

Scientists call these creatures flagellates because they possess one or more longish threadlike attachments called flagella, which is a Latin word that means whip lashes. The creatures wave these

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LIKE millions of others, I owned a cheap camera and soon filled an album with interesting poses of every member of the family, but, as my wife often complained, the portraits were not "finished" like those taken "at the photographer's."

Critical comparison brought out the fact that the homemade portrait, if taken out of doors, usually showed "sun squints" and too much contrast between light and shadow, while

those taken inside included sections of furniture or wall paper that could not qualify as good backgrounds. The professional photographer's portraits, on the other hand, usually started at the bottom with a solid, dark color that gradually "dissolved" into a



A homemade portrait

soft, evenly lighted likeness of the sitter, against a background that was either a dark shade or a dark, hazy design.

To obtain a solid, dark colored foreground that would "dissolve" into a likeness of the subject proved a simple matter. I procured a piece of black cardboard as wide and twice as long as my camera, and to one end of it, at right angles, I fastened another piece of black cardboard by means of a paper "hinge." This piece was the same width and high enough to reach the center of the lens, as illustrated. The middle of the upper edge was then cut away on a curve of the size and shape desired for the finished print, and "toothed"



The vignette attachment

A piece of dull black oil-cloth, 3 by 4 ft., tacked to a window shade roller furnished a neutral dark background in conveniently portable form.

I placed my subject in a good diffused light, hung the oilcloth behind and set the camera on a table with the "saw teeth" directly in front of the camera at a distance of about 1 in. less than the length of the camera. Then I located the subject in the finder and made the exposure.

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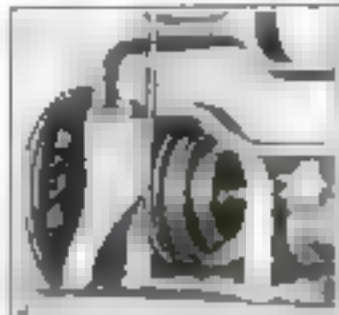
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drilled and tapped as if it were metal. A rattail file $\frac{3}{4}$ in. in diameter at its thickest part will round out the groove. The center disk should be cut so that when the three are put together, there will be a groove $\frac{1}{2}$ in. deep.

To fasten such a pulley permanently to the shaft, drill a small hole through the shaft to take a bit of steel wire—a wire nail is excellent—long enough to project about half the diameter of the shaft on each side. Cut a groove in the middle disk so that when the disk is slipped on the shaft, the wire pin will fit snugly in it. Then the outside disk is put on the shaft and the whole pulley screwed together, locking the pin and pulley solidly. This is a most satisfactory arrangement. Pulleys made in this way should be solidly screwed together, especially if they

are more than, say, 8 in. in diameter. A 4-in. pulley should have about six equally spaced screws, all as close as possible to the edge. Glue may be used, but it is not reliable by itself,



The completed countershaft

as it does not stick well to the best fiber. The writer has a small countershaft carrying a 4-in. pulley and a three-step cone, $1\frac{1}{4}$, 2 and $2\frac{1}{2}$ in., on a shaft of 5/16-in. steel drill rod. This is used to drive a small lathe and transmits the power of a 1/20-hp. induction motor, 3/16-in. round belting being used. The pulleys were made before the lathe was obtained and there is no lathe work on them, but they have been fully equal to the requirements, and the only result of six months' hard labor has been in smoothing them and making the belt grip better. Incidentally, the belts are laced with the gut of old violin E strings.

How Bearings Were Made

The bearings for this shaft were made in a rather unusual way and one that has worked out extremely well. Each bearing was made of two pieces of ordinary brass bar stock, $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. For each bearing, two pieces of the brass were cut long enough to give the bearing the proper height and they were joined with two $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. machine screws, making one piece $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

The hole for the shaft was drilled through the $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. way. Then the two pieces were taken apart and split at the sides with a hacksaw and drilled and tapped for $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. machine screws for closing up the hole to take up wear. The peculiarity of the arrangement is in the fact that one of the halves of the bearing is split on the right and the other on the left. This makes possible a very fine adjustment.

As it is almost impossible to drill the bearing holes quite true with a hand drill, they were drilled $1/64$ in. under size and reamed in position with a round file, finally being ground true with fine emery and a piece of the same drill rod used for the shaft. The "reaming" with a file is a mechanical crime, but it worked well.

The bearings are mounted in a 3/16-in. brass plate by means of two $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. machine screws running up through the bottom of the plate and countersunk. After six months, there is so little shake that it is very difficult to detect it.

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THE HOME WORKSHOP

Small Motor-Driven Fretsaw Is Simple in Form

By Ernest Bado

A SIMPLE fretsaw for light work such as toymaking and cutting out panels with pierced designs and puzzle pictures, can be constructed quickly and easily along the lines shown in the accompanying illustration. The framework of this saw is made from metal strips taken from a toy construction set, but other material will serve as well.

The first step is to make a table and its support. This must be as rigid as possible and so made that it can be securely fastened to the worktable or bench. The whole support can consist merely of a box placed upside down on the table, the far side being removed. The saw holder or



Although made of toy parts, this fretsaw serves well for light work.

frame consists of two strips, a block and a spring. The long strips can be made of wood or simply be hollow tubes or fairly thick metal strips. A few inches from one end, one of the strips is fastened securely to the block; the other strip is pivoted to the block by means of a bolt, so that this arm is movable. The spring connects the shorter ends of the two arms.

This rocking beam is then loosely fastened with a bolt to two arms projecting from the back of the table. The whole beam should rock up and down freely.

A grooved wheel is fastened to the lower part of the table and connected with the front end of the lower rocking arm by means of a lever or connecting rod attached near the rim of the wheel. In this way the circular motion of the wheel is translated into an up-and-down movement. The saw blade is clamped to the upper and lower beams at the front. This is accomplished by cutting slots where the saw is to go and arranging bolts with wingnuts so that the sides of the slots can be pressed against the blade. A small electric motor belted to the grooved wheel provides the power.

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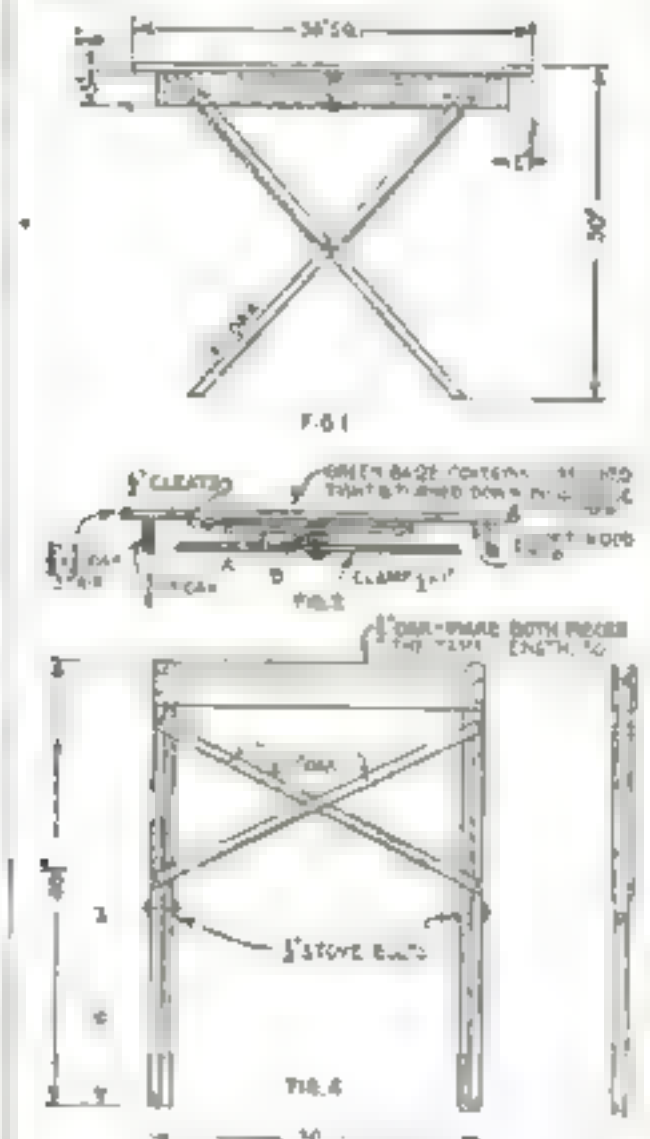
THE HOME WORKSHOP

Folding Table Is Useful for Cards or Luncheon

By A. L. Morgan

MORE substantial than an ordinary folding card-table and practically as convenient to store away, the table illustrated will be found a useful article for many purposes. In winter it can be used as a card-table and in summer on the veranda or lawn for luncheon. The top can be taken off merely by giving the wooden clamp underneath about one eighth of a turn; the legs then fold together and the whole can be stored in a corner of a closet.

Figure 1 shows the complete table and Fig. 2 is a section through the top, which is made of $\frac{1}{2}$ by 6 in. pieces of soft wood glued together and reinforced by two $\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 in. cleats. The top is screwed to the $\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 in. oak strips that form the skirt. The latter are neatly mitered together at the corners.



The table open and closed, with the dimensions of the various parts

The clamp, Fig. 2, is of hard wood, beveled at the ends and long enough to engage the bottoms of the upper cross pieces of the legs. A $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. stove bolt passes through its center, through a spacer B and through a $\frac{1}{2}$ by 3 in. piece, A, which is the last to be secured in place. The bolt should have a washer under its head and be riveted slightly at the threaded end after the nut is adjusted. To get the proper adjustment of the nut, turn the table upside down with the legs in place and lay the clamping unit in position. It will then be easy to get the proper thickness for the

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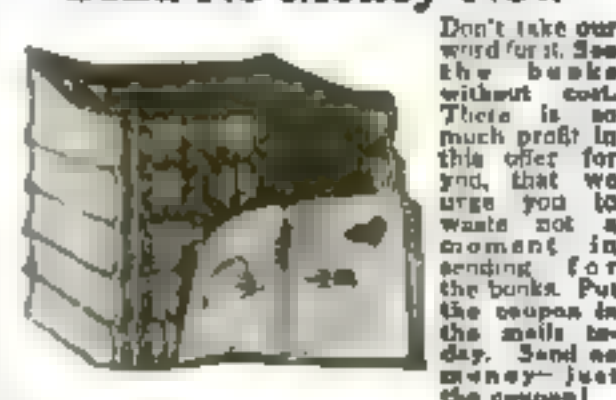
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